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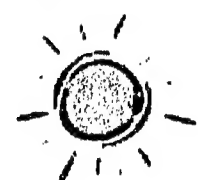
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POET TO SPEAK

Martha Collins, author of "Blue Front," will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in the Student Union Boardroom.

WINTER COMMENCEMENT

The winter commencement time has been changed to 1 p.m. permanently due to the annual Division II championship game occurring around or on the day of graduation.

ALTERNATIVE BREAK

Applications to go to Miami for the 2007 Alternative Spring Break program can pick up applications at the Volunteer Center in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 2. For more information, contact Amy Nally at 562-1954.

TODAY

Student pay day. Pick up payroll checks at the Student Services Desk on the first floor of the Administration Building. Don't forget your Bearcat Card!

Food court buffet.

Encore: "Wonderful Town," 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Last date to change trimester course to audit.

SATURDAY

Admissions Green and White Visit Day.

Women's and men's basketball vs. Southwest Baptist, Bearcat Arena.

MONDAY

Dale Pereira Ceramics Exhibit opens, lecture and reception, 7 p.m. 244 Fine Arts Building.

Last date for 50 percent refund for dropped trimester courses or withdrawal.

Intramural 5-on-5 basketball begins, 6:30 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center.

WEDNESDAY

Last date to drop first block course.

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—CONGRESSIONAL BILLS

Students feel effect of bills

By Kristin Summers, Evan Young
University News Editor, Copy Editor

Her daycare job in Kansas City pays more than minimum wage, but that doesn't change sophomore Kaitlyn Fritz's opinion of the state and federal rates.

"The minimum wage was established so someone could make a living off of it. There's no way anyone could live with what it is now," Fritz said.

Even Missouri's recent minimum wage increase isn't all that satisfying.

"Six dollars and 50 cents (an hour) is OK, but it still could be higher. It's not that big of a change," said sophomore Kacie Wullenwaber.

Washington politicians are attempting to change their opinions.

The Democratic-controlled House recently completed its promised, self-imposed "100-hour" legislative agenda.

In just 42 hours, Democratic and Republican legislators helped pass six major pieces of legislation.

Two of these measures have a relatively strong impact on Maryville as both a college town and a place of employment for thousands.

One bill would increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour. Passing 315-116 on Jan. 10, the bill raises the wage over the course of 26 months. Within 60 days of being signed into law, the rate will increase from \$5.15 to \$5.85 an hour. A year from that date, the rate will go up to \$6.55, and will reach \$7.25 a year after that.

The other, which passed 356-71 on Jan. 17, halves the amount of interest college students pay on need-based loans. The interest rate will decrease from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over a five-year period. The bill benefits approximately 5.5 million students, but costs taxpayers \$6 billion, according to CNN.com.

The Democratic-led measures still face a U.S. Senate with a strong Republican minority, and President Bush has already voiced his opposition to both bills, threatening to veto them both if they reach his desk.

Still, Maryville is considering its position on the issues and weighing the positive and negative implications of each.

see **BILLS** on A6



FINISH LINE employees Jeremy Johnson (left) and John Rayhel (middle) help a customer on Tuesday night. Both employees make the new minimum wage increase. "Good, it's about time," Rayhel said. "But it's not going to do anything because everything else is going to increase in price also."

—WRESTLING ACCIDENT

"I got real lucky...I shouldn't be walking. Most people are quadriplegic or dead after it. I had a really, really, really good doctor and someone looking over me."

—Jake Wyatt, Rockport High School senior



MATHEW HAZEN (left) assists Jake Wyatt (right) with leg curls in the St. Francis hospital rehabilitation center on Wednesday morning. Wyatt, a wrestler who broke his neck during the Polo Dual Tournament, also tore all of the ligaments between his 5th and 6th vertebrae. (below)

Close Fall:

Rock Port wrestler nearly paralyzed after fracturing 5th and 6th vertebrae in his neck

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

Rarely does someone get the chance to be extremely lucky and extremely unlucky at the same time.

Jake Wyatt was wrestling his fourth match of the Polo Dual Tournament on Dec. 9 when a chance happening left him flat on his back and immobile.

"I heard it pop four times when I hit...I got up to one knee then I just collapsed and couldn't move anything or feel anything," Wyatt said.

Wyatt broke the fifth and sixth vertebrae in his neck and tore all the ligaments in between, and if not for the help of Chris Nally, a referee

working the tournament at the time, things could have been much worse.

"He's the one who suggested not to move me. He's kind of the one who saved me on it all," Wyatt said.

Nally saved him from possible paralysis, Wyatt said.

Nally's experience as a referee gave him the knowledge of how to handle Wyatt's injury.

"When they complain about a neck, it's almost 100 percent non-movable until medical personnel gets there," Nally said.

Though he knew how to handle it, this type of injury was something Nally had never seen before.

see **JAKE WYATT** on A6

—MEDICAL NEWS

Rural ambulance availability varied

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

The handling of his emergency medical needs has left his family with nothing but questions.

Jake Wyatt suffered a spinal cord injury during a wrestling meet and was forced to wait half an hour for an ambulance to arrive. After returning home from the hospital, he had a spinal-cord stroke and wasn't reached by an ambulance for two hours.

Numbers like these make the Wyatt family wonder whether these practices are normal or whether their case was just a series of unfortunate circumstances.

Currently the Atchison-Holt ambulance district owns four ambulances, but it can only afford to use two.

With a population that is spread out and very little revenue, emergency management in rural districts can be difficult, said Eric Livengood, interim administrator of the Atchison/Holt ambulance district.

"I found out today that we're the largest district, in area, in the state," Livengood said.

With little revenue the Atchison-Holt district can't even afford to staff all the ambulances they have. The district has two ambulance teams consisting of one paramedic and one emergency medical technician, which leaves two of their ambulances unmanned.

Wyatt's incident also shines light on

see **AMBULANCE** on A6

—COMMUNITY NEWS

Hubbard discusses drop-out numbers

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

She left Northwest only five credits shy of having an associate degree, and she couldn't be happier.

Amanda Doss put her academic goals aside and returned home to Richmond, Mo., after the Fall 2006 trimester.

Several reasons come into play on why Doss left Northwest as a sophomore. Missing out on seeing her 8-year-old sister cheering at basketball games and seeing her 4-year-old brother growing up are some of the main reasons why she left.

Doss' reasons for leaving Northwest go along with the some of the main reasons students leave college.

Students deciding on a major that Northwest doesn't offer, not meeting academic standards, financial reasons, and personal reasons are some of the explanations why students leave, said Bev Schenkel, dean of enrollment management. Out of 90 percent of students who show interest in college, 41 percent of students leave college, according to the book "From High School to College."

Along with being homesick, Doss said she was paying for college on her own. The first year Doss paid for college with loans and scholarships, but still used money she made over the summer to pay for tuition. Doss tried to pay her last trimester with loans but said they fell through.

"I can't get six or \$7,000 out of thin air," Doss said.

Doss plans on saving money she is making from serving at a local diner in Richmond to help pay for the last trimester.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said other reasons why students leave is because they do not know what to expect when they get to college, thinking the classes are easier and that they never develop the work habits relating to school.

Planning to graduate in 2009, Jake Rockey said he could never transfer to another school

see **DROPOUT** on A6

THAT'S A STRETCH



BEARCAT STEPPERS stretch and collect themselves before they perform for the audience at the "Bearcat Idol" show last Thursday.

CAMPUSBRIEFS

2007 Recyclemania kicks off
Jan. 28 at Northwest

For the next 10 weeks, Northwest will participate in a national collegiate recycling contest. The third annual Recyclemania begins Monday, Jan. 29, and ends April 7.

Northwest will compete in the Waste Minimization and Per Capita Classic divisions. Waste Minimization deals with producing the least amount per capita of municipal solid waste. In the Per Capita division 130 schools attempt to collect the largest amount of accepted recyclables per person.

Mock Interview Day
around the corner

Mock Interview Day for Non-Education majors will be Wednesday, Feb. 7. Deadline is at 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2. Students will interview with employers from Cerner, a supplier of health care information technology solutions, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Target, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service and B&D, a CPA and advisory firm. West Corporation, which provides communication services, conferencing services and management services, will interview candidates exclusively. Students with questions contact can Stacy Stokes at 562-1343.

Hungarian dancers to
perform at Mary Linn

As part of Northwest's Encore performing arts series, the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Orchestra seats cost \$25 and balcony seats cost \$23. Tickets can be purchased at 562-1212, the Student Services Center or online at NWmissouri.edu/tickets.

Award-winning filmmaker
part of lecture series

Filmmaker Alex Gibney, part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series, will speak at 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Gibney is an award-winning writer, producer and director.

Ceramicist featured in
Visiting Artists Series

Ceramicist Dale Pereira will be lecturing and showing slides of his work at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29, in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building room 244. Pereira's work will also be displayed in the first-floor gallery in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building from Monday, Jan. 29, through Friday, Feb. 23.

Publication adviser
honored with press award

Laura Widmer, adviser for the *Tower* yearbook, Northwest Missourian newspaper and the *Heartland View* online magazine, received the Craig Watkins Friends of Northwest Press Award at the annual Northwest Missouri Press Association meeting on Jan. 19 in St. Joseph.

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CAMPUS

—WEB SITE ADDITION

Online complements freshmen course

By Evan Young
Copy Editor

Northwest plans to expand its Freshman Seminar program to include an interactive, online tool for students. Beginning Fall 2007, all Freshman Seminar sessions will implement GoalQuest as part of their curriculum.

Tailored specifically for Northwest, the software complements the current seminar system, serving as an additional resource to help new students adapt to college life, said Beverly Schenkel, enrollment management dean.

GoalQuest is a learning method that accommodates students' varying learning patterns and abilities, Schenkel said. "Students are tech-savvy, and welcome the opportunity to get online to do research and look up information," she said. "The content is both text and graphic-based. A lot of Flash is built within the site. The format is fun and exciting. We think students will engage with it."

The Northwest portal of GoalQuest, titled "Bearcat Beat," will offer tips on studying, time management, adjusting to campus and other information normally taught during seminar class time.

The content is uniform for all seminar sections, and participation will be required through reading online articles, taking quizzes and completing surveys as part of their course grade, Schenkel said. Seminar advisers can use these results to measure student performance and satisfaction.

By including most of the general information on the GoalQuest site, advisers can devote more class time to helping students choose a major if they are still undecided, or discussing opportunities within majors with students who have selected theirs.

However, the addition of GoalQuest will

not replace the each seminar section's companion site, and won't significantly change the course's structure, said Suzanne Frucht, biology associate professor and Freshman Seminar director.

"Anything that reinforces information to students helps us, but it won't make teaching the class much different," Frucht said. "GoalQuest is just another tool, another way for getting out that information."

GoalQuest also provides resources for students outside of the seminar classroom. There are Live Alerts,

messages that pop up to remind students of important dates and events around campus. There is iScene, which highlights area restaurants and attractions for weekend planning.

UPeers, GoalQuest's mini social-networking feature, lets students get to know

their peers within the "Bearcat Beat" network, not unlike Facebook.com, Frucht said.

Schenkel said GoalQuest is a consistent method of delivering individualized information to seminar students, eliminating the randomness of content taught from section to section.

"This improves student retention and success," she said.

"Student success is a constant goal. Finding ways to do that when it's already above the national average—we've done the easy stuff, if you will. Now we're trying to individualize it," Schenkel said.

GoalQuest is currently a pilot program on campus. About 60 spring trimester seminar students are using the software. The University also invited last trimester's seminar students to try out the site via e-mail.

Schenkel and Frucht said they expect to introduce GoalQuest to freshmen during their Summer Orientation Advisement and Registration, so they can begin preparing for the college transition and start building relationships with their future classmates.

HE'S A STAR



OUT OF the 10 finalists for "Bearcat Idol," Derick Cunigan (pictured) won the event along with \$500 cash, an Apple iPod, and \$100 worth of iTunes music. Also announced at the event was that the band Hinder will be coming to Northwest on April 19. Tickets for the event go on sale February 12.

—STUNTING PLAGIARISM

Turnitin.com proves success

New electronic program curbs future plagiarism problems

By Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

Taking a chance on plagiarism at Northwest is no longer an option.

A newly purchased program ensures the days of copy and pasting are over.

Turnitin.com, a licensed software was purchased by the University for the Fall 2006 trimester. Papers are submitted on the Turnitin.com Web site and matched with Web sites, papers that were previously handed in, periodicals and journals.

A report notes similarities between the student's text and a source, and it is up to the instructor to decide if findings constitute plagiarism.

Northwest was in the market for the past couple of years for a program like this, and Turnitin.com is the one most known, said Roger Von Holzen, director of the CITE office.

Turnitin.com was created in 1996 by researchers at the University of California Berkeley who invented computer programs to watch out for the re-use of research papers, according to Turnitin.com.

The program costs Northwest \$6,000 each year, Von Holzen said. Later this spring the University will reevaluate the use of Turnitin.com, but Von Holzen predicts the program will be around in the future whether it continues to be used University wide, on the department or individual level.

In total for the fall trimester, 796 students used the Web site and there were 1,459 papers submitted.

The CITE office pays for the University's use of Turnitin.com. Alisha Francis, psychology, sociology and counseling assistant professor said she has been reading about the pros and cons Turnitin.com for a while.

"I think it's a good tool (for) just increasing awareness," Francis said.

If students use the site often it will help them see what's in their writing, Francis said.

Last trimester Francis used Turnitin.com for her General Psychology class, but this trimester it will also be used in her Experimental Psychology class.

Last semester Francis' students were offered extra credit if they submitted their papers to Turnitin.com during the pre-writing portion of an assignment, and they were required submit their final papers to the site.

Francis allows students access to the reports. "It's a pretty neat resource, and even my students have noted that they almost feel like in a way it also protects them," Francis said.

David McLaughlin, history, humanities, philosophy and political science associate professor, said he uses the Web site in all of his classes.

Students in McLaughlin's classes are allowed to submit their papers early so they can see the report, and make corrections before turning it in.

McLaughlin said in all of his experiences with plagiarism at Northwest most of the time it's out of ignorance rather than intention.

COMMUNITY

United Way inches near yearly goal

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

Nodaway County United Way has recently played a \$50,000 game of catch-up thanks to local donors.

Last October the United Way was only a third of the way to their goal of \$90,000. Recently they have reached the \$88,511 mark, said Rhonda Twaddell, secretary and treasurer for United Way.

Sixteen social service agencies will receive the money raised by the United Way to use on their programs and services, said Teresa Carter, campaign committee's co-chair.

An allocations committee met for the United Way in April, Carter said. The social service agencies came before the committee and present their budgets. Different agencies are supported by the United Way from year to year.

"It has been a slow process but we are almost to our goal. It has been a successful campaign," Carter said.

The main focus of the campaign was September and October, Carter said. This is the time when the United Way sends solicitation letters to different divisions of Nodaway County. It is the main fundraising that United Way does.

This agency will also hold functions in the spring, Carter said. Committee special events member Bob Bohlen already held a potato bar and special events member Pat VanDyke ran Bingo at Hy-Vee. VanDyke also

wants to do a countywide basketball tournament. "The United Way does these events to get the county involved," Carter said.

In 1987, a priest, a rabbi and two ministers created the United Way in Denver, according to National. Unitedway.org. The intent of the agency was to collect money for charities, provide relief services and collect and refer clients. In their first year of operation, the United Way raised \$21,700 for local charities.

"There used to be a lot of different organizations and they formed it so they could help all the agencies at once," Carter said.

The United Way now focuses on four areas: helping America's youth succeed, supporting families, increasing access to health care and encouraging economic self-dependency, according to National. Unitedway.org.

If you would like to give a donation to the United Way contact Rhonda Twaddell at P.O. Box 164 or call 562-3910. This year's campaign ends in August 2007.



INSTRUCTOR BRETT Ware teaches students Logistics during night class on Monday night in Colden Hall. Ware divides his time between teaching classes at Northwest and operating three businesses: The Ultimate Hunter, Ambush Lures and Bubba's BBQ and Fix'n's.

Entrepreneur juggles home life, businesses

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

A quick look into his Colden Hall office can give anyone an immediate impression that Brett Ware has a very big interest in hunting, with the view of many stuffed animals on display.

While serving as a teacher at Northwest, however, there is much more to his life than grading papers.

An instructor teaching in the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies in the managing and marketing department, Ware teaches logistics, "entrepreneurship," principle of management and productions operations management.

He does all this while being the owner of three companies and a family man.

"Is it something that you plan? No, I like business challenges," Ware said. "I really got bit once I started taking graduate-level classes."

Ware's companies include Ambush Lures, a fishing lure supplies company, Ultimate Hunter, specializing in hunting supplies and Bubba's BBQ and Fix'n's on South Main. He also does consulting work with Energizer, assisting with their engineering.

Sales for hunting supplies for Ultimate Hunter have been doing quite well, Ware said.

"Products can go new and then they hit a real high growth. All of our stuff is still kind of at an introductory

growth phase," Ware said. While business is taking off, products through Ware's supply companies can be found in small town stores and big name department stores such as Bass Pro Shops.

"As far as market potential, we've penetrated most of the sporting goods retailers except Wal-Mart," Ware said. "We don't need any business with Wal-Mart, they're too big. We couldn't provide enough."

Ware attended college at the University of Missouri-Rolla and received a degree in mechanical engineering. At Rolla, Ware said he learned the technical side of business.

"From the technical side, I had the ability to change the products," Ware said. "I just got bit by the bug."

Growing up with a love for hunting and fishing, Ware considers himself a natural outdoorsman.

From this pastime, Ware developed an interest in making products. "I really just like to use the products," he said. "Being a natural outdoorsman, you're always out there thinking, 'Boy if this product would do this, if this product would do that.' Realistically also, sometimes you start building a few things and people say, 'Hey can I have some' and it just kind of manifests."

When it comes to his barbecue restaurant, Ware simply said, "I just love good food."

"I just love barbecue and one thing that Maryville has never had

is a good barbecue restaurant," Ware said.

Sitting at 2119 S. Main St., Bubba's BBQ and Fix'n's opened in 2005.

Ware got the idea from traveling out of Maryville to eat at barbecue restaurants.

"I just found myself driving down to Kansas City to eat at KC Masterpiece and those places. I thought if we could provide some really good quality food at an economical price and at the same time really work on the operation side for the franchising opportunity to come, they might be worth the time. And that's the way we looked at it."

Outside of teaching and running three businesses, Ware spends time with his family. While settling for some means down lying on the couch, catching a primetime program and the news, Ware finds other things to do with his time.

"Most people have time to do that, I don't," Ware said. "I don't watch TV. I'll take my son out fishing with me and we'll test some new fishing lures. All I do is focus, I like to watch a movie every once in a while, that's it."

All in all, Ware said he enjoys working.

"Some people say, 'You're a workaholic.' I really don't consider myself a workaholic, I just see myself as having extremely good time management skills," Ware said. "I try to divide attention to detail and try to always have my priority list."

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

Knights of Columbus sponsor free-throw contest

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a free-throw shooting competition for children ages 10 to 14. The competition will take place at noon on Jan. 28 at the St. Gregory's Multi-purpose Center.

Children can register at 11:30 a.m. the day of the event or pre-register with their Physical Education teachers.

All participants will be given a certificate of participation. The top shooter in each age division will be awarded a medal and will move on to the district competition at Jefferson C123 School on Feb. 4.

St. Gregory's is located at 3335 S. Davis in Maryville. For more information contact Mike Grudynski at 562-2708.

Hy-Vee to work with Humane Society to raise funds

The New Nodaway Humane Society is urging people to participate in their Hy-Vee Pet Prints fund raising project. Every time someone purchases pet items at Hy-Vee a coupon is printed that the humane society collects. Hy-Vee then gives them a \$10 gift card for every \$150 worth of coupons they have collected.

Last year, they collected 1,290 in gift cards, which they used to buy cat litter, pet food and different cleaning supplies. This year they've set a goal of \$1,000 in gift cards. To give your pet prints coupons to the Humane Society, take them to the service counter at Hy-Vee or ask a cashier for help.

To contact someone about the project or about establishing other fundraising projects for the New Nodaway Humane Society call 582-3216.

Flag ceremony honors returning, leaving

The 135th Signal Battalion and 635th Military Intelligence Battalion will be officially deactivated in a duel ceremony on Feb. 10 in St. Joseph and Kansas City.

The flag folding ceremony will be a goodbye for the 135th and 635th and a hello for the 35th Special Troop Battalion, which just formed.

Both the 135th and the 635th were Missouri Army National Guard units as is the 35th.

For information on the ceremony contact Capt. Tamara Spicer at (973) 638-9846.

Walkway between middle school, high school in future

Discussions have begun on the application of a grant that would allow the city of Maryville to build a walkway leading to Maryville Middle School and Maryville High School.

The Safe Routes to School grant would provide \$250,000 for the walkway, but the issue had to first be discussed among the city council members and signed off on by the director of public safety.

Though this grant doesn't leave any provisions for Eugene Field, City Manager Mike Reitz hopes that future grants can allow for improvements in their vicinity as well.

WiFi antenna approved for water tower placement

The Maryville City Council approved the installation of a 14-foot WiFi antenna on top of the water tower located at Ninth and Mulberry street.

Middle America Wireless will pay a monthly fee to the city of Maryville for use of the tower.

Mayor Mike Thompson expressed the importance of growing in the area of cell phone technology.

Emergency response funding coming soon

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

The counties of northwest Missouri will soon receive money to aid its emergency response communication within the region.

Nodaway County is slated to receive around \$60,000 in total, with the Homeland Security Oversight Committee is recommending Region H (13 counties in northwest Missouri) to receive close to \$900,000. While Nodaway County will most likely be receiving funding for improved

communication devices in case of a natural disaster or terrorist attack, Susan Staashelm, Maryville's public safety spokeswoman, said the money will benefit the region as a whole.

"We have to get out of the mindset that it's a county by county thing," Staashelm said. "The goal of (the funding) is to help people talk from one end of the region to the other in an emergency."

Some of the projects involved are the hiring of an agro-terrorism expert for northwest Missouri and the allocation of many mobile radios to

police and fire departments and other emergency management agencies to improve communication from county to county. Maryville will be getting a mass-care trailer for its ambulance district. According to Jackie Wilson of the Mo-Kan Regional Council,

Wilson says the interoperable equipment will help get people and medical teams involved quicker if a disaster occurs.

"It will help take care of people in time of crisis," Wilson said. "Supplying volunteers to join Citizen Care Programs, to administer sheltering

techniques and basic first aid while they wait for help from big agencies."

The recommendations for the emergency funding will be heard by the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council in a few months. At that time, the council will then make the final approval for the project.

"The funding is there, it just needs to go through the approval process," Wilson said. "The state will just verify the approved funding when the time comes."

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— COLUMN —

Editor tired of classes in 'trailers'

Even after three and a half years, there are a few things about Northwest that I don't understand. Considering this is my last trimester, I figure it's time to address one issue that has remained a constant over my years at Northwest.



Jessica Schmidt
Managing Editor

I've accepted the fact that Aladine will never roll over from trimester to trimester, that none of the sidewalks will go in a straight line around the Bell Tower, but I fail to comprehend why students like myself in the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department continue to take classes in the modular classrooms, a.k.a. the "trailer park."

For those of you who are far from the "mods," mainly the lucky ones in Garrett-Strong or Golden Hall, let me review a few points for you. I've had one class in the department's designated building, Thompson-Ringold. That classroom was able to hold 10 people.

The modular classrooms were brought in about eight years ago. Before that the department had classes in just about every other building on campus, according to Richard Frucht, department chair. Awnings were only added two years ago.

So far the building for the Missouri Center of Excellence for Plant Biology is estimated to cost approximately \$15 million for the total project.

I don't mind shelling out a considerable chunk of change each year to attend Northwest. Looking back, I would never regret coming here and I believe the quality of education I've received is second to none. That being

said, I also haven't had to take a class in a trailer since my middle school days when my hometown was hit by tornadoes in 1996. Sadly, then they were a positive alternative because they actually had air-conditioning, unlike the original middle school.

I could probably go on and on about the heating/cooling issues with the "mods," how it sounds like a tin can when it rains hard, or even tell you a story of how last week in one of my classes a door actually froze shut—but those are all minor inconveniences that we can live with.

The point of the matter is this; every day that goes by that the Center of Excellence remains vacant without a tenant, it's another day students in the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department take classes in glorified trailers.

I think it's great that Northwest could possibly make a name for itself by becoming a ground breaker in plant biotechnology—yet at the same time other departments feel neglected, and rightly so.

I hope EdSpence agrees to become a tenant for the Center of Excellence, the state of Missouri decides to allocate the promised \$11 million and Northwest gains prominence in this growing field.

More than anything else I hope one day fellow history, humanities, philosophy and political science students will be able to take classes in an actual building—preferably not one affected by weather conditions or one that smells like wood chips.

— COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIANNEWS.COM —

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In response to The Stroller, 1.18.07

Anonymous
Posted 1/18/07 at 4:01 PM EST

Seriously? We go to a school that allows us to check out and return textbooks every semester rather than spend \$500 plus EVERY SEMESTER on textbooks... and you're complaining about a \$30 remote? I'm with you; I think it's fairly ridiculous that it's required. However, Northwest students (most undergrads anyway) are likely not to spend the amount over our entire college career that one student at nearly any other school pays in one semester for books. Count your blessings and get over it.

Matt
Posted 1/19/07 at 12:18 PM EST

I hate to point this out, but the books Northwest students check out and return are not free. The cost of said textbook is built into tuition. Ain't nothin' for nothin'.

Call me Lynn
Posted 1/19/07 at 11:49 PM EST

I agree with this Mr. Matt here. Our very sneaky textbook fees are added on our bill each trimester and oh-so conveniently explained

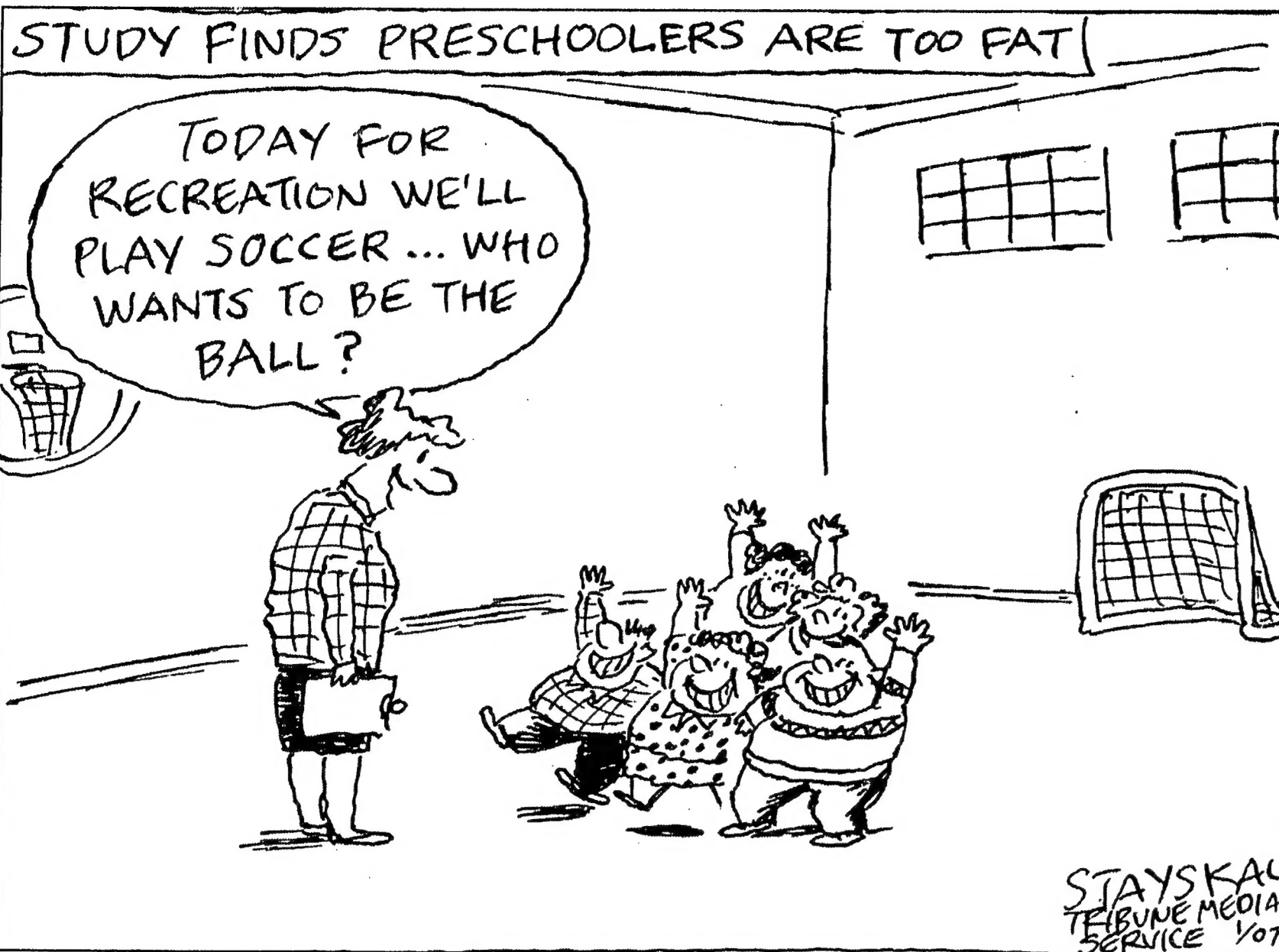
to potential students as a "textbook rentals."

Yes, not saying that it's a bad idea to rent textbooks, but these rentals are part of the class and probably used more often than a textbook. So, wouldn't it be justified to also include these handy wireless-answering devices in our bag-o-books?

I've gone entire semesters without having to refer back to the books, thanks to Compassion and this weird thing called "going to classes" and "note taking." I've also encountered classes that require additional books to be purchased because one unnamed teacher said, "I didn't know which one I wanted at first, but I like this one. You can purchase it at the bookstore for \$65."

Sorry, wrong; answer. It's wrong to be tricked into a "book rental" thing, when more than half the students on campus don't crack the binding of books until finals week, only to realize everything the need to know was discussed in class months prior.

I'll purchase a textbook if I really think I'm going to use it more than studying for an exam. And, if I DO and up purchasing one, I'll be online buying the used books. More than likely they're in better condition than the ones waiting for us wrapped somewhat like 40's in the brown paper bags. If only the books could be as enjoyable!



— COLUMN —

Don't let fear of failure hold you back

Fear of failure should not hold anyone back from the things from them want.

One of the most valuable lessons I've learned is never let anything hold you back from the things you want in life. There have been several times I've held myself back from things I've really wanted because I was scared of failure.

In the past couple of weeks I've learned just because a situation may end in failure doesn't mean it will because there is always a chance of success. Even if there isn't success there are valuable lessons you can learn. I've been able to add the cliché, "You never know unless you try" concept in my life.

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Lindsay Jacobs
Assistant Features Editor

I've missed out on several things that could have been wonderful simply because failure used to intimidate me. Sometimes another opportunity arose that I was able to take, but in most cases I've just missed the boat.

A time when I did get another opportunity to redeem myself came when I was 12, it was time for try outs for an annual music festival. I

remembered trying out, but remembered the year before when I was rejected. So I didn't end up trying out.

Later that spring another opportunity arose for me to try out for a solo in the annual spring concert, I

gathered all my courage and made my way to the music room at my assigned tryout date.

I remember mastering every note of that try-out music and the teacher asked me why I didn't try out for the music festival earlier that year.

I remember getting the solo and regretting the fact that I didn't try out for the festival.

My most recent way of ducking failure came when I failed to apply for what I thought would be the ideal internship. The moment I found out it was two states away, paid and the fact I would actually get to write stories instead of fetching coffee and running errands, I was gleaming with delight.

All I had to do to get my name in the race was submit a cover letter, a resume and five to six clips, but instead I got nervous and procrastinated getting all the stuff to send to them. I started getting butterflies in my stomach when I thought about the possible interview. I got a cold sweat when I thought about spending the summer in a new state and was dizzy when I thought about how this may open doors to a future career.

I got so angry with myself when I think back to that, I am now more determined than ever to get things together to send off for additional interviews. I'm determined to take the interviews I get offered even if I don't get the internship because they will be a valuable experience for me.

Failure shouldn't necessarily be a bad thing because it can help you in your future endeavors. You just have to step up to a challenge and take it, even if failing is a possibility. I now know if I don't try I will never know.

— COLUMN —

People often overlook third abortion victim

Abortion is often viewed in very black and white terms with little to no gray area.

You're pro-choice or pro-life. You value the sanctity in life or you don't. And however you view abortion there are always two victims: the voiceless fetus and the distraught mother.

What about the voiceless third victim? What about the father?

I've always straddled the fence when it comes to the topic of abortion with more of my body leaning towards pro-life. I believe that if you can at all



Stephanie Stangl
Editor in Chief

spare the life of the child you should. Save incest and rape, I believe that people who have sex have made a decision and they need to take the responsibility that comes with being sexually active.

However, if abortion is the decision a couple makes, I believe there should be communication between the father and the mother so the voiceless at least has some sort of a say in the situation. We expect fathers to be responsible for everything, from being caring and supportive of a wife and child to

financially supporting his family. Yet we refuse to give rights to a father on whether or not the woman he is with should follow through or not follow through with an abortion?

He gets to be some faceless, silent sperm donor?

I concede it is the woman's body and she is the one who has to carry or not carry the child, but there have been so many times where women either get an abortion without telling the father, citing it is not their decision, or refuse to have one without regard to the "sperm donor's" opinion.

Despite men trying to put up a façade of strength, they have feelings, too, and would probably

mourn the death of a child as much as the mother.

The 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade Monday should not only serve as a reminder of a woman's right to an abortion but to the fact that something needs to be done to preserve the right of the silent third victim. We can't sweep his thoughts and feelings under the rug anymore.

Or maybe the bigger issue here isn't paternal rights at all. Maybe in an increasingly promiscuous society, we should first care enough about the person to value their opinion on something like abortion and respect them before we have sex with them.

Abortion may have a hint of gray after all.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 11

■ Lost/stolen property, brown wallet and contents, unknown location

Jan. 15

■ **Clatus G. Moffat**, 65, Ravenwood, Mo., DWI, disorderly conduct, 900 block S. Main

Jan. 14

■ **Kurtis M. May**, 22, Maryville, DWI, Equipment violation, 1000 block N. Buchanan

Jan. 16

■ Recovered property, red bike, 500 block Prather Ave.

Jan. 17

■ **Ryan D. Sudhoff**, 17, Maryville, Disorderly conduct

■ **Melanie J. Bucy**, 22, Maryville, Larceny/theft, 1600 block S. Main

Jan. 18

■ **Bart A. Darnell**, 17, Disorderly conduct

Jan. 19

■ Larceny, license plate tabs

■ **Samantha J. Burton**, 18, Albany, Mo., failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■ **Zachary E. Nichols**, 20, Maryville, failure to appear, 600 block N. Buchanan

■ **Nell S. Ditarone**, 20, Maryville, MIP, 200 block E. First

Jan. 20

■ Towed vehicle, maroon Sebring, 100 block Franklin Place

Jan. 21

■ Property damage, damage to trailer, 1400 block E. Third

ACCIDENTS

Jan. 16

■ **Jordan C. Postelwait**, 16, Maryville, and **Derek M. Wray**, 23, Pickering, Mo., collided at 19th Street and Icon Road

Jan. 17

■ **Jordyn L. Swalley**, 16, Maryville, and **Naoma F. Smeltzer**, Maryville, collided in the 1200 block W. Crestview Drive

■ **Pawn W. Vogel**, 19, Maryville, and **Clatus P. Lager**, Conception Jct., Mo., collided at Lincoln and Main. Vogel was cited with careless and imprudent driving.

Jan. 18

■ **Mark D. Zimmerman**, 40, Maryville, and **Susan L. Martin**, Maryville, collided at Davis and Thompson.

OBITUARIES

Jan. 18

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also at the funeral home chapel. Burial will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery, Maryville. Memorials may be sent to St. Francis Hospital Foundation, 2016 S. Main Street, Maryville, MO 64468

Charles Bryan Breheny, 32, Maryville, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 in Maryville. He was born Nov. 30, 1974 in Creston, Iowa, and was a 1993 graduate of Maryville High School.

Bryan was a general manager for Fastenal Corporation in Maryville. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mudathons, four-wheeling, Harleys and restoring cars. As a member of Freedom of Road Riders, he enjoyed the companionship of his fellow riders.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Francis Breheny.

He is survived by his fiancée, Courtney McEnaney and their son, Charles Jayden "C.J." Breheny, Maryville, mother and step-father: Mary Elizabeth (Poppa) Jerry Price, Parnell, Mo., brother, Damon and his wife, Marcella, Cook, Lee's Summit, Mo., half-sister, Jerry Carson and half-sister, Jodi Carson, both of Des Moines, Iowa, extended family and many friends.

Bryan's body has been cremated according to his wishes.

Memorial Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville. A visitation was held Monday, Jan. 22, 2007 at the funeral home chapel.

A memorial fund has been established for his son C.J. Breheny.

William Jesse Hopkins III, 61, Burlington Junction, Mo., died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at a residence in Maryville.

He was the son of the late William II and Mattie Starlene Hopkins.

A graduate of Elk County, California High School, Jess served his country in the Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a trucker and a mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jimmy Hopkins.

Survivors include his daughter, Milynn Marie Wardlaw, Maryville; two sons, William Hopkins IV, California and Keith Wayne Hopkins, Denton, Texas, and six grandchildren.

Hopkins' body has been cremated. There will be no services, however, the family met friends at a visitation on Monday, Jan. 22, 2007 from at the Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Mary (McQuinn) Wonderly, 94, Conception Junction, Mo., died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

She was born Feb. 16, 1912, in Clyde, Mo., the daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Gaffney) McQuinn. On Dec. 29, 1937 she married Lawrence Edward Wonderly in Conception, Mo.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Columba Parish and St. Ann's Altar Society, Conception Junction.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Wonderly on July 9, 2001; her parents; brothers: Edwin and Bill McQuinn; sisters: Ellen Peterson and Patricia Flack and granddaughter, Traci Mullock.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Teresa and Martin Stoll, Ravenwood, Mo., and Selma Joan and Sylvester Gindler, Chilhowee, Mo.; five sons: Ed and Betty Wonderly, Conception; Jerry and Judy Wonderly, Maryville; Robert and Connie Wonderly, Sheridan, Mo.; John and Carol Wonderly, Boone, Iowa and Jim and Barb Wonderly, Ottawa, Kan.; 32 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law: Blaine Flack, Stockton, Iowa, niece and nephew.

A family rosary is 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 at Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Visitation was Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Conception Junction, where a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2007 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Conception Junction. Burial is in St. Columba Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri in Mary's name.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

A visitation was 6-8 p.m., Wednesday

Intern program helps schools

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

It's not just catch and release for educators at Kansas City inner city schools.

The Kansas City Residential Internship Program places student teachers into their own classrooms their very first semester, said Nancy Foley curriculum and instruction, associate professor at Northwest.

"The students become teachers on the record. They get to do what student teachers seldom get to do, like set up their own classrooms," Foley said.

Data indicates the students will stay teaching in an urban setting, she said.

In fact, about 75 percent of interns

stay in Kansas City for their third year and beyond, said Deborah Gates, Residential Internship Program director.

Students will spend their first semester student teaching, and will graduate in December, Foley said. After graduation, they will continue on for the rest of the year as paid teachers. The students are also guaranteed a job for their second year of teaching.

Some benefits of this program for the interns include the use of a laptop, housing at Loretto apartment complex, a stipend of \$15,000 for the year and partial to full tuition reimbursement.

"It is an excellent program for anybody who feels ready to take control of their own classroom,"

Gates said.

Northwest junior Lindsay Jordan is participating in the internship program in Fall 2007. She wants to teach third or fourth grade students.

Jordan is from a small town in Missouri. She wants to teach in inner city schools so she can experience a different type of setting.

"I know that it will be a challenge to go into an inner city school. I will have the opportunity to adapt and modify my teaching," Jordan said.

She also believes that teaching in a rural setting will be less difficult because it is a familiar setting to her.

The residential internship program started in 2002 when the Kansas City Missouri School District was struggling to fill teaching positions, said Joyce Pivral, education leader-

ship chair and assistant professor.

"The key to this program is the critical need of teachers in the Kansas City Missouri School District," Pivral said.

Lincoln University and Northwest combined together to fix the problem. The universities received a grant that would provide housing at Loretto apartment complex.

The interns live together and attend weekly seminars, Foley said. They each have at least one roommate that is going through similar experiences and they receive support from their mentors, other interns and other teachers.

"It's not easy; yet teaching is not easy, especially in the urban areas. We try to build in lots of support," Foley said.

Radio station giving listeners a break

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

A new promotion from KXCX/KRNV radio is giving its listeners an opportunity to get a federal tax break by donating their cars.

"The KXCX/KRNV vehicle donation program is a new fund-raising mechanism for the station," Ted Riley, director of broadcasting and general manager for KXCX/KRNV said. "Listeners can make a tax deductible donation while helping to pay for programming at the same time. They receive a tremendous federal tax break by doing this."

Some money collected from the promotion also goes towards funding

for the radio station.

Operations Manager Patty Holley said money from the promotion will allow the use of better facilities and better equipment.

"It will be your same type of programming, better," Holley said.

Equipment like a digital transmitter is something that will allow the station to branch out.

"Right now we just have Chilli-cothe and we have Maryville, but with that digital transmitter we can send out other streams of audio," Holley said.

Riley said donating vehicles to the radio station is more beneficial.

"Let's say you have a 2003 Ford F-150 pickup that you're thing about

selling or trading in, why not give it to KXCX instead, get a tax donation for it," Riley said. "Say you trade it in for \$5,000 and it sells at an auction for five grand, you'll get a \$5,000 tax deduction. It's a pretty simple program."

Owners wishing to participate have no need to worry about moving their vehicles, thanks to a partnership with the station has with a charity group.

"We are part of a group called Charitable Auto Resources," Riley said. "They arrange the pick up of the vehicle, they will tow it to an auction facility and once that vehicle sells at that auction, KXCX receives a check for the majority of the proceeds

from that auction minus a small administrative fee. It all depends on how much your vehicle sells for at auction."

The tax break promotion is available

DECISIONS: '100-hour' agenda has local impact

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Earn more, pay more

The federal minimum wage has not increased since 1967. But Missourians are still getting used to the Jan. 1, \$1.35 an hour increase they chose to implement during November's election.

Missouri's minimum wage is now linked to the Consumer Price Index, or cost of living, and will change as the index changes.

This means the state will watch, year to year, the cost of an overall sampling of everyday goods and services, called a "market basket," said Jason White, accounting, economic and finance assistant professor. These include food, gasoline, vehicles, homes and a number of other items.

If the price for these items in the "basket" changes, Missouri will adjust its minimum wage rate accordingly.

White said the minimum wage has always been connected with the CPI, but only recently have states begun to make the link part of the law.

He suspects this is the reason Congress wishes to increase the federal rate.

"People can't buy the same goods and services they used to. The minimum wage worker is poorer now than before," White said. "It's obviously much cheaper to live in the Midwest than on either coast. That's why California has what seems like a high minimum wage, but prices there are so high."

Inflation also plays a large role, White said. Since the last minimum wage increase, annual inflation rates throughout the United States have been relatively low—less than 3 percent, he said. Over time, however, those small yearly increases add up.

"Slowly people realized their paychecks were being chopped into," White said.

White, also a Nodaway County Economic Development, Inc. board member, called Missouri's wage hike a "risky" move, but said the economy will be able to handle the increase because of the length of

time since the previous increase.

"If there was a time where the economy could absorb such a jump, it's right now," White said. "It appears we dodged the bullet on that."

However, a number of Maryville businesses have already faced the challenge of adjusting to a higher state minimum wage. Some owners have had to decide between raising prices, cutting their work force, or both.

"I wish I knew what the right answer was," White said.

Dave Williams, co-owner of Taco John's in Maryville, said the restaurant raised its prices after the recent wage jump, and will watch its expenses and sales closely.

However, Williams also said Taco John's employees started out earning more than the minimum wage when the rate was at \$5.15, and will continue to do so at \$6.50.

Sean Burge, Nodaway County Economic Development, Inc. executive director, said if the federal rate rises to \$7.25, any state, including Missouri, with rates lower than that will have to comply with the new wage, as required by federal law.

White said even any labor cost competition between Missouri and surrounding states, Burge said.

"It would level the playing field," he said.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said the price jumps that accompany wage increases pale in comparison to the financial benefits workers receive.

"Sure costs go up, tuition goes up, but the increase is paid by everyone within the income spectrum," Hubbard said. "I'm delighted to pay more when I know that the people working for me are getting paid a more livable amount."

College for less? If enacted, the Democrats' loan interest reduction plan would provide financial relief to college students taking out subsidized loans.

The idea sits well with Hubbard.

"It's a no brainer. It saves students a lot of money. I'm for it," Hubbard said.

However, he said Congress should have first turned its focus

to need-based grants, such as Pell grants, which students do not have to pay back.

"I'd like to point out that it's (interest rate reduction) adequate, but not sufficient," Hubbard said. "The savings help the middle class, but they should increase grants so poor students don't have to borrow to begin with. They need fundamental help."

To help offset the cost of reducing loan interest rates, the plan would cut back subsidies the government gives to lenders, decrease the guaranteed return banks receive when students cannot repay their loans and increase the amount of fees banks pay, according to The Associated Press.

Tom Joyce, spokesman for lender Sallie Mae, told the AP the proposed interest reduction could have negative effects on the corporation's services to college students.

"We do not oppose an interest-rate reduction," Joyce said. "But if the goal is to try to get a low-income or middle-income student into a seat, we'd better be careful of the law of unintended consequences."

White said one of the consequences could be a Sallie Mae profit loss, which would mean bad news for company stockholders.

However, White said the bill was necessary to keep the U.S. economy healthy.

"The U.S. Census found that the No. 1 economic variable (with regards to lifetime earnings) was education attainment," White said. "In order for us to have a strong, robust economy, we need to put kids through college."

Hubbard called the proposal a "step in the right direction."

"It signals to me that people are starting to pay attention to education again," he said. "They're not just talking about it, but doing something. All politicians say they're for education, but this is substantive."

Although Fritz said she hadn't been following the interest reduction bill, the idea of paying back less after college was appealing.

"It sounds good to me," she said.

JAKE WYATT: High school wrestler almost paralyzed

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"That is the worst injury I've ever seen in 23 years of refereeing," Nally said. "It's just a freak thing. Ninety-nine times out of 100 the kid gets up and walks away."

But Wyatt couldn't walk away. He laid on the ground for 30 minutes waiting for an ambulance to come.

Nally waited with him, not knowing that the young man he was helping was in fact the son of Doug Wyatt, whom he had known for 20 years.

After arriving, the ambulance life ligned Jake to North Kansas City Hospital, where he went into surgery.

That was over a month ago, and since, Jake's life has been a mixture of good days and bad.

The Stroke
On a good day, Jake moves and walks like a normal 18-year-old. On a bad day, like on Dec. 27, anything can happen.

On that day, Jake woke up with pain. "The day before I was doing all right...I woke up I was dry heaving. I woke up that morning dizzy, real dizzy, and light-headed," Jake said.

All of Jake's symptoms were the precursor of a spinal-cord stroke. After having the stroke, Jake's parents called for a paramedic, Doug said.

The ambulance took two hours to get to the Wyatt house, an error that Eric Livengood, interim director of the Atchison-Holt Ambulance District, said may have been caused by a lack of communication. He says the call was thought to be a non-emergency call, and since both ambulances for that district were already out, the Wyatts had to wait.

During his second stay in the hospital, doctors performed a second surgery. They installed a titanium plate in the front of his neck for stabilization.

Recurring Problems
On Jan. 12, Jake stepped out of bed and knew he had a problem. He couldn't move his right leg. Another trip back to North Kansas City Hospital told him he had suffered a spinal cord bruise and it was causing his paralysis.

After three separate problems, Doug understands this injury may never completely heal.

"As long as that spine's still screwed up...he can just wake up and not move," Doug said.

Some of the lingering effects can be seen right now. Jake just recently regained the feeling in his fingertips and is still struggling with the use of his left hand. For a long time, he wasn't able to tell the difference between hot and cold, and his taste buds are still not functioning.

"I think it's scary because he's feeling good, and he wants to go out and be a normal 18-year-old," said Jake's mother, Debra.

What's Next?
Since his recovery from the incident on Jan. 12, Jake has been taking a steroid which allows him almost full

use of his right leg. He's back in school and in physical therapy to regain some of the muscle in his legs.

After his neck brace comes off he will under go six months of rehab, with his full recovery coming in 12 to 18 months. But the accident has permanently changed his future.

Jake will never wrestle again. He is no longer allowed to play any contact sport whatsoever.

"I'd go back to wrestling if I could. I don't regret it a bit. It's just one of those things that happens. It could happen any time, any event, any sport it could happen. But yeah, if I could go back to wrestling, I'd go back in a heartbeat," Jake said.

His injury could also put an end to his career plans. Since he was a child, Jake has planned on serving in the military as a career. He is a member of the Army National Guard and is facing the possibility of being medically discharged.

"He has, I think, a year from the date of injury before, I guess, they'll start looking at it and maybe having him medically discharged," Debra said. "Ever since sixth grade, that's all he's wanted to do is the military."

If his military career is cut short due to this injury, Jake has entertained other options as well. He's looking at colleges, including Northwest, and thinking of majoring in zoology.

After everything that's happened, all the surgeries, all the mishaps, Jake knows he's lucky.

"I got real lucky...I shouldn't be walking. Most people are quadriplegic or dead after it. I had a really, really good doctor and someone looking over me."

AMBULANCE: Rural response time questioned

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the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA), which doesn't require the presence of emergency medical vehicles.

"There are so many counties that don't even have ambulances. So it would be impossible to require emergency medical vehicles at sporting events," said Rick Kindhart, assistant executive director of MSHSAA.

Despite the lack of requirement

at football games is \$100 a game, Adams said. Providing that service for football is much easier on the budget, with only five games a season. Adams also said it would be great if they could provide an ambulance for every sporting event, but with limited money and ambulances available, he understands it's an impossibility.

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The cost to provide an ambulance

for every sport would be a huge expense, Adams said. "We have always supported having ambulances right here on site during our football games. We pay them for that service," said Tom Adams, assistant principal and activities director at Maryville High School. "We don't do it for basketball or wrestling, but we are just half a mile away here from the hospital and can call them at any time."

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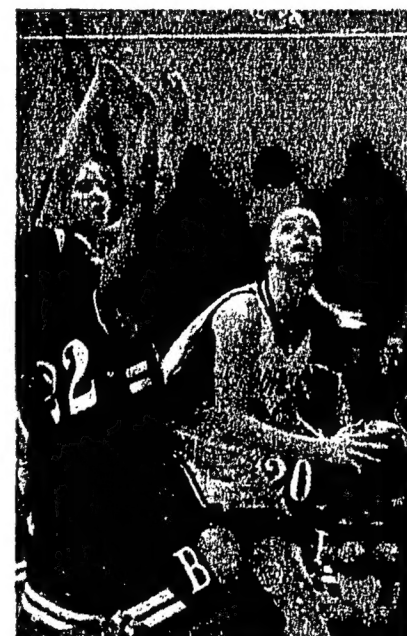
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—MHS BASKETBALL



MARYVILLE HIGH School senior Jaclyn Guess gets double team in Tuesday night's game against the Benton Lady Cardinals. The Spoofhounds lost 62-31.

No. 1 team downs 'Hounds

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

What appeared to be a close game Tuesday after one quarter, turned into a blowout for the Maryville girls' basketball team.

Down by only three points after one quarter of play, the Spoofhounds dropped the game to the St. Joseph Benton Cardinals 62-31.

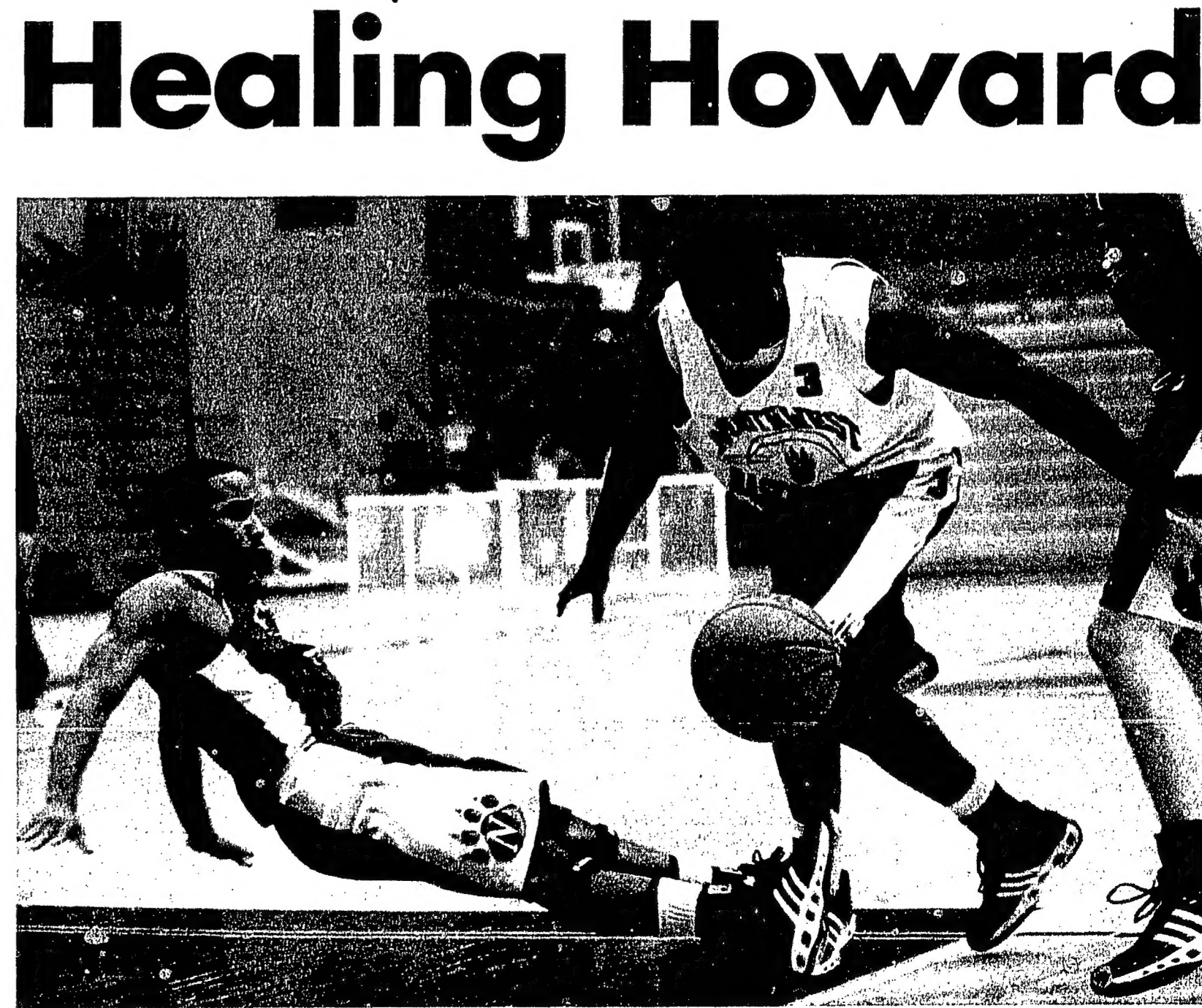
The Cardinals, ranked No. 1 in class 4, are undefeated on the season. They are led by senior Alicia Bell, a recruit to coach Gene Steinmeyer, and the 2007-2008 Northwest women's basketball team.

"I give them (Benton) a lot of credit," Maryville coach Grant Hageman said. "We couldn't keep up with them...they're a great team."

Foul trouble plagued the 'Hounds early when junior Jordan Gadbois tallied three before completing the first quarter. Senior Jaclyn Guess ran into some trouble of her own with fouls as well, and admitted it was a frustrating aspect of the game.

Benton used a 12-0 run to enter halftime leading 29-13. A basket by Guess was followed by fouls from her and freshman Tracy Jensen. The Cardinals ended the third

—NW MEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST MISSOURI State University guard Mose Howard (right) runs into guard Eddie Gray during practice on Tuesday night in Bearcat Arena.

Howard expects a full recovery after complete knee rehab

Howard is recovering from a torn ACL in his left knee. He is redshirting and will be eligible to play for the 'Cats next season.



By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Senior point guard Mose Howard wishes he were out on the court with his teammates. Instead, he cheers from the bench and tosses water bottles to thirsty players.

Little did he know that a pick-up basketball game would be the reason why his senior season will not begin until next year.

Over a month after Northwest was eliminated by Tarkenton State in the Sweet 16, Howard, who averaged a team best 13.5 points per game last season and other members of the basketball team took part in a pick-up basketball game.

Driving to the basket, Howard jumped, but this time, he couldn't jump. Instead, he felt excruciating pain in his left knee.

"I could feel the shift. It was painful," Howard said. "At the same time, I was in shock because I couldn't believe I was hurt. I knew it was something serious."

Two days later, an MRI revealed a tear of his anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. After consulting with head coach Steve Tappmeyer, Howard decided to take a medical redshirt for this season—meaning he could play his senior season next season.

For the next month, Howard would begin rehabbing his knee in preparation for his surgery.

"I was training with DC (Head athletic trainer David Colt). I went to the training room everyday, trying to get the swelling out of my knee and get ready for the surgery," Howard said.

After the surgery in May, Howard underwent more rehab. Howard said the precarious situation he faced taught him some valuable lessons. In crutches, Howard often needed rides to school and back home.

"It really made me more humble, because you never know what can happen. One day, I'm dressing myself. Next day, I need somebody to help me put my socks on," Howard said. "In a way, I'm kind of glad it happened. Everything happens for a reason."

Howard blames only himself for his

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—NW TRACK

Two more 'Cats earn provisional marks

By Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

Both Northwest track and field teams continued to improve on personal records and national qualifiers in competition at the Iowa State Open last weekend.

The men's team provisionally qualified two additional athletes for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships on March 9-10 in Boston.

Senior Diezeas Calbert jumped 48-2 1/4 in a second-place finish at Iowa State, the top NCAA finisher in the event. He also ranks fourth in nationwide performance lists as of Jan. 22 in his first meet of the season.

"Diezeas had a real good opening day in triple jumping," said men's head coach Richard Alsop. "He bruised his heel a little bit, and he's laying off of it for a few days."

Eric Isley also provisionally qualified in the 800-meter run last weekend, running 1:52.50 in a third-place finish. Isley finished 12th in the event in last year's national championships, and currently holds the MIAA Indoor Championships record he set last season. In national performance lists, he ranks second behind Sean Strauman of Indiana University-Pennsylvania.

Calbert and Isley join senior Bayo Adio as provisional qualifiers for the Bearcats. Adio tied the school record in the high jump two weeks ago with 6-11 in Lincoln, Neb.

Provisional qualifiers do not automatically advance to the national championship. Athletes who attain automatic qualifying marks will advance, and provisional qualifiers are accepted based on season bests until the championship field is full.

The men saw improvements in all areas, with 31 of the 37 athletes setting personal records at Iowa State.

"We had a good meet," Alsop said. "We're not where we need to be yet, but we're a lot further along than we were our first meet. Certainly, that showed in some of our performances."

Matt Pohlen finished runner-up in the 5,000-meter run with 15:07.58 and sixth in the mile run with 4:22.02. Junior Cliff McIntosh

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—NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST GUARD Kelli Nelson drives to the basket during the Pittsburg State game held at Bearcat Arena.

Game exceeds height

Nelson overcomes her size limitations

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

She is the one who almost got away.

The Northwest women's basketball coaching staff thought Kelli Nelson had committed somewhere else.

In April 2003, the end of Nelson's senior year at Exira (Iowa) High School, they found out otherwise.

Life-long passion
With only one year left to play after this season, a pastime that has been around for almost her whole life will change dramatically.

From elementary through middle school, Nelson played basketball every weekend, all year long. From tournaments to the Iowa Games, she was

always around basketball.

"When I was little I was a scrawny, itty-bitty little fourth grader and I knew I was faster than everybody else," Nelson said. "I just grew to love it (basketball) more and more and I always practiced it by myself. It's one of the things I love doing in my spare time."

Having five older brothers also helped build a passion for the game. Because of them and the "wrestling and beating up on each other," Nelson was led to basketball, a good way to bond with her brothers.

"I learned a lot from them, just watching when I was little," Nelson said. "Being competitive and everything else."

Cutting it close

After Northwest coaches noticed Nelson in November of her senior season, they talked her into committing to a community college in Iowa. For that reason, they continued to follow her, but did not write or pursue

her further.

Then, in April, head coach Gene Steinmeyer received a phone call from Nelson's coach. He questioned why Northwest wasn't recruiting Iowa's all-time leader in steals.

"I said, 'Well, I thought she's going to Des Moines,'" Steinmeyer said. "He goes, 'That's not true and she'd really like to come.'"

Unfortunately, all scholarship money for the 2004-2005 season was already used up. Even so, Nelson gave Maryville a visit and made Northwest her choice.

Transition year

Coming from a class 1-A high school in Exira, the change to division II basketball was a tough one to make.

"It was definitely a transition year, going from high school to here," Nelson said. "You're by yourself. We had like eight freshmen so we were really young and were all adjusting at the same time."

Nelson picked up on Steinmeyer's system relatively quickly. She started five games, including the last three of the season. The freshman was also named the team's Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Year.

Her abilities continued to grow during her sophomore season. She started 18 games for the Bearcats and continued being a team leader on defense.

Height not a disadvantage

Standing a mere 5-foot-5, Nelson is someone who could easily go unnoticed on the basketball court.

As Northwest's opponents have found out, however, she is a player who needs to be watched.

"My freshman year I was really intimidated by it (her height), and I think that was another thing I had to get used to," Nelson said.

Nelson said while in high school she was able to do much more on the court,

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—NW BASEBALL

Snow slows practicing



NORTHWEST BASEBALL catcher Ryley Westman focuses on hitting the ball during baseball practice in the basement of Lamkin Activity Center. The practice was held inside due to the cold weather. The first home game of the year will be held on March 6 when the Bearcats play the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

photo by Mike Dye / photography editor

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

With a snow-swept field and icicles hanging from the fences, it would seem the Northwest baseball team is at a loss with the season three weeks away.

Northwest plays its first eight games against teams from Florida, Alabama and Arkansas, that generally do not have to deal with snow.

Junior pitcher Evan Nickell doesn't dispute that the weather limits the team's practices from a physical standpoint, but says it gives them a chance to attack the game mentally.

"We've been doing a lot of mental visualization and I think that's going to help," Nickell said. "It gets us in the game flow. When there's six inches of snow on the ground we can't throw a ball game but we're thinking about it. Getting our mind ready so we'll know what to do in different situations."

The relatively new mental work is being utilized mostly to help the pitching staff. The majority of it focuses on putting the pitchers in game situations now so they will instinctively react when it counts.

"We'll put in as close to a game situation as possible in their mental picture so they've already encountered those things before we get in a game," eighth-year coach Darin Lee said. "We'll also put them in a situation where bad things happen to them and hopefully, mentally they'll overcome them."

In addition to the new mental program aimed at the pitchers, the

pitchers are using video analysis to fine-tune their swings. The indoor facility won't allow position players to hit live pitching but they're getting a lot of work off the tee and soft toss swings in the cages to improve their vision. The pitchers are also involved in four-day throwing routines, designed to simulate in-season starts.

In the fall, Northwest held two all-day scrimmages against community colleges in Longview and Kansas City, Kan. The rest of the 24-day fall workouts consisted of inter-squad scrimmages. Lee feels the outside competition is very helpful while the inter-squad work can be misleading.

"The bad thing about inter-squad is you always seem to look at the negative," Lee said. "If your pitchers throw well and you don't hit the ball real well, you say we have bad hitters and if we give up a lot of runs, pitching's shaky."

With the new pitching program as well as the video training in the fall, the team is taking a different angle with their pitching this offseason and believes it will result in a more prepared staff.

Senior pitcher Cody Sinclair believes this team has brought into the training more this year than in his three previous seasons.

"If we stick to it and really take it in stride, I think it'll work out," Sinclair said. "The team has been working together a lot more than in the past. We should be better. I mean, we've got three more weeks until the season starts and if we keep doing this stuff I think we'll have a good start to the season."

Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer knows the game Saturday

—NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



MANDI SCHUMACHER fights for the ball against Truman State players Jan. 17 in Bearcat Arena. They will face Southwest Baptist 5:30 p.m., Saturday, at home.

Seeking weekend win

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

Southwest Baptist is out for revenge.

After a 10-point loss in overtime to Northwest in December, the MIAA opponent will be looking to do damage in Bearcat Arena, Saturday.

Both teams are coming out of big games on Wednesday (results not available at press time). Northwest traveled to No. 7 Emporia State while Southwest Baptist took on No. 3 Missouri Western in St. Joseph.

Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer knows the game Saturday

will be a test for his Bearcats, even though the opponent has struggled throughout the season.

"The hardest thing for us will be to get motivated," Steinmeyer said. "Saturdays have been tough on us. I don't know why. We don't come off of the Wednesday game very well."

In January, Northwest lost all three Saturday games to date. A win would not only break that streak, but would also set the team up for another matchup against Emporia in Bearcat Arena, Wednesday.

Southwest Baptist and Northwest each suffer on offense, with both teams below 50 percent on

field goals. Both, however, are above 70 percent for free throws.

"In truth, it's the easy shots that are the killing us," Steinmeyer said. "We're missing tons of shots in the paint and at 10-foot range. That's the shots that are killing us."

Junior Ashley Baker has recently taken the place of Mandi Schumacher as a starter in the paint for Northwest. Schumacher came off the bench for 10 points against Truman State Jan. 17, but neither she nor Baker could produce against Central Missouri, combining for only six points.

In regards to his post players, Steinmeyer said he doesn't worry about having set starters for every

game. "I don't worry about who comes best off the bench. I just play the starters as who's playing the best at the time," Steinmeyer said.

With both Northwest and Southwest Baptist sitting in the middle of the conference standings, junior guard Kelli Nelson knows the team has to be focused on Saturday's game, just as they would for a ranked team.

"We have three of the top teams in the nation, and not even them, the other teams (in the conference) even compete with them," Nelson said. "Any given night, any team can win."

—NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rebounding issues are hard to improve

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

In the last three games, No. 19 Northwest had been out rebounded by a difference of more than 10.

Saturday, against No. 3 Central Missouri, the deficiency caught up to them, falling to the Mules, 69-55, who are the second-best rebounding team in the MIAA.

So what can the second to worst rebounding team in the MIAA do to fix the problem?

Not much. "A lot of it is about rising to challenges. We don't have the one guy that's going to go out and score it up. Everybody's going to have to grab that extra one or two," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Personnel wise, we might throw

somebody else in there that hasn't played to see if somebody can give us a little fire that way."

Tappmeyer said there isn't much that can be adjusted in practice. "You're very limited on the practice floor when you're playing Matt Withers, Reggie Robinson, Hunter Henry for 30-something minutes a game. You've got to have them fresh and ready to go for games," Tappmeyer said.

The last time Northwest finished with more rebounds was against Missouri Southern, when Northwest lost 59-57. However, in that game, Northwest committed a season high 25 turnovers.

"I think our defense needs to step up and we need to take better care of the ball," forward Matt

Withers said.

The 'Cats will have to reach in Saturday when they host defending conference champion Southwest Baptist. Last time the two teams squared off, Northwest escaped Bolivar with an 81-80 victory. The purple Bearcats sit in the middle of the pack of the MIAA, but are the second-best scoring team in the conference. Matthew Rogers leads the conference in blocked shots at over two and a half per game.

After finishing the season series with Baptist, Northwest finishes the series with Emporia State, who is the best scoring offense, three-point shooting and rebounding team in the MIAA. They are led by reigning MIAA player of the week, Donta Watson. He leads the conference in scoring and three-pointers

at over 60 for the season. "It's a tough, tough run and every game is big," Tappmeyer said.

While the Bearcats have performed exceptionally well on the road, they are currently a perfect 8-0 at Bearcat Arena.

"If we can get through these games (with) minimal damage...," Hunter said. "We're going to be in a position where we want to be going into the last half of the season, so we're going to have to buckle down and really start cleaning up some stuff that's been a problem so far."

For a complete recap of Wednesday night's game between Northwest and Emporia State, log on to nwmissourianews.com.

—MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

'Hounds late lead lost



MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Spoofhound sophomore Adam Mattson gets tangled up in Chillicothe Hornet guard AJ Kohl during Friday night's game held at Maryville High School. The Spoofhounds defeated the Hornets 64-45.

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' basketball team held a lead for three quarters, but it wasn't enough as Savannah pulled out a 56-53 victory with a strong fourth quarter.

Maryville assistant coach Ryan Tool said his team had trouble with Savannah's pressure in the fourth quarter.

"It was a frustrating one," Tool said. "We just had a let down. They turned up the pressure and we committed too many turnovers."

The Spoofhounds built an 11-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, but Savannah outscored Maryville 23-9 during the final stanza.

Tool said the 'Hounds remained ahead for half the fourth quarter, until Savannah notched the score at 50 points apiece.

After the game was tied, Tool said the 'Hounds surrendered the momentum and Savannah took advantage of Maryville's

missed shots. "We didn't get very good shots," Tool said. "Savannah then started coming down and hitting some baskets. After that we had to foul to try to stop the clock."

The 'Hounds handled Savannah's pressure well during the first half. Blake Jensen tallied the team's first seven points as Tool said rebounding was the difference in the first half.

"We were a lot more in sync during the first half and we were rebounding strong," Tool said. "I don't know if we were focused on not losing, but nobody came up with scoring."

Jensen finished with 11 points, while Andy Walter netted 19 points. Adam Mattson poured in 12 points.

Maryville dropped to 7-8 overall and 1-2 in the conference. The 'Hounds picked up their first conference win over Chillicothe Jan. 19, 44-45.

The 'Hounds return to action at 5 p.m., Friday, at Benton. The freshmen tip off first, followed by junior varsity, then varsity.

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BENTON HIGH SCHOOL Lady Cardinal senior Alicia Bell gains control of the ball at center court during Tuesday night's game against the Spoofhounds. Benton is ranked No. 1 in class 4 and is undefeated this season. Bell is a Northwest recruit for the 2007-2008 season.

DOWNs: Cardinals double 'Hounds score at home

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quarter with a 9-0 run and forced a fourth foul out of Gaddbois.

Hageman said the combination of his young players handling the ball and the Benton's talent caused a huge momentum swing after the first quarter of play.

Even with the loss, the coach commended the play of the 'Hounds.

"We kind of hit a slump there for awhile as far as energy level, but they (Maryville) came back and were playing as hard as they could," Hageman said.

Maryville stays at home Friday to take on Savannah, with the junior varsity starting at 5 p.m. and the varsity to follow.

"We've just got some work we've gotta do...we have to keep working hard," Hageman said.

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Ready for 'madness' to begin

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

Although the megahype for the Super Bowl is still bearable for many fans, I plan to set that aside and visit a warmer month.

No, I'm not talking about baseball in the summer; instead I'm focusing on the madness that March brings.

Don't get me wrong, the Super Bowl will probably be well worth watching, but I still have over a week to become enamored with how many interceptions Rex Grossman threw this year. (And another week may be just enough time to show how many he actually did throw.)

So, I'm finished with Grossman's interceptions until Super Bowl Sunday. Now it's time to see how the brackets will turn out in March.

So far, teams around this area seem shaky. Missouri has yet to win a Big XII conference game, and Kansas's youth finally stumbled at Texas Tech after looking beatable at Iowa State and against Missouri.

Speaking of Iowa State, they should be pretty good in the next couple of years. With young talent and a quality coach, this team has exceeded expectations and looks bright in the future. And this optimism doesn't stem from an alliance with the team in any sort. Go Clones.

Back to teams actually competing in the Big XII...

Texas, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and Texas A&M should be in the mix come March. The Aggies are ranked in the top 10 with the likes of Florida, North Carolina and UCLA. (Who would have ever thought Texas A&M's basketball team would be mentioned in the same breath as those three schools?)

However, I don't see the Aggies as a dominant force in March, because they have yet to beat a real quality opponent. Despite beating a beat-up and battered Okie St. team Saturday, the Aggies next best win is probably at Auburn.

I'll scratch off the Aggies for a tournament run in March, but what about those two Texas teams, Kansas and those battered Cowboys? As for now, the Cowboys are on the radar, but I just don't see them making a run. They have defeated



Scott Levine
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the best team in the Big East, Pittsburgh, and went to Syracuse and won. However, getting trounced at Kansas and Texas A&M does not sit well with me.

Bobby Knight's Red Raiders are also on the radar, but I just don't see them as a top team, so I'll keep them off the list of possible dark horses in March.

Now it's time to move on to Kansas. Note that I haven't mentioned the other Kansas team in the Big XII.

I refuse to talk about Kansas in the tournament until Huggy Bear gets his convicts to play basketball. When he gets his criminals, he should make the tournament.

Speaking of criminals, the Jayhawks were lucky to steal victories against Missouri and Iowa State before falling to Knight's Red Raiders. It sounds like a broken record, but Kansas has one of the most talented teams in the country. But will they do anything in March?

This is an enticing question every year, but no matter how good the Jayhawks look during the regular season, they will falter in the tournament.

The national media will jump on the Kansas bandwagon once again, but when push comes to shove, the Jayhawks will become victims of another mid-major team.

That leaves the Longhorns. Maybe I'm off my rocker, but I really think this team has a chance. Think back to 2003 when freshman Carmelo Anthony, with a supporting cast of Hakim Warrick, Gerry McNamara and Keth Duan, led Jim Boheim to his first national title.

Now fast forward to 2007 as freshman phenom Kevin Durant teams with A.J. Abrams, D.J. Augustin and Justin Mason, in an attempt to finally push Rick Barnes over the hump.

This Longhorn team is young, but can do some real damage come tournament time. Don't be surprised if these Longhorns follow the same path as the Orangemen did in 2003.

Well, it's only January and we still haven't seen if 'da Bears can overcome Rex, but the next month should give us a better indication of pretenders and contenders come March Madness.

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HEIGHT: Size doesn't matter

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but when she started playing college basketball she was caught somewhat off guard.

Instead of being able to take shots from anywhere on the court, Nelson had to learn how to penetrate the lane against girls much taller than her to be able to draw a foul. She also had to perfect her 3-point shooting abilities and shots off the dribble.

"I think because of the competition, Kelli learned to adjust her game so that she could still become a scorer," Steinmeyer said. "I don't think coaches ever really make a player. It was up to her to adapt to the style that fit her best."

Her game's now molded around her position. After spending the majority of the time as an off guard her first two seasons, Nelson is now the starting point guard for the 'Cats. Taking over for 2006 graduate Megan Blay this season, she now leads the team in steals (48), minutes played (32 per game) and 3-point field goals made and attempted.

"Oh my gosh, in high school I could get away with jump shots and stuff like that," Nelson said. "Now I'm in college and I'm very short. I've really learned how to use my height and my quickness for my advantage, rather than try to shoot over people that can block my shot."

With half of the conference season gone, Steinmeyer said the thing his team most is a leader on defense.

He knows if he were to ask Nelson, she would step up and be that person on the court.

Steinmeyer said Nelson's senior season will depend on the new recruits for the 2007-2008 season.

If a point guard is ready to play, Nelson will be able to move back to the off guard position, which will lead to more chances to score. Otherwise she will continue her duties as the team's point guard.

Through everything, Nelson knows her team has come a long way since her freshman year.

"I think we're a lot more mature than we were my freshman year," Nelson said. "We're used to Stein's ways and coaching. I think we're just more experienced and mature."

MARKS: Teams head north

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recorded a season-best in the pole vault with 14-5 1/2 in a fifth-place finish last weekend.

The women didn't obtain any provisional marks, but continued to see improvements as well.

"It went real well," said women's head coach Scott Lork. "We need to learn how to compete with just a little more confidence as things go well. We need to realize that we can butt heads with good teams and not be afraid of them."

Sophomore Hannah Henry continued to lower her school record in the 60-meter hurdles, running 9.24 seconds in the finals last weekend. Johanna Aviler and Brandi Honeywell also advanced to the finals of the hurdles, finishing 13th and 15th, respectively.

In the 400-meter dash, freshman Kelly Rafferty finished first among Northwest runners with 1:01.08, one spot out of the top 10. Audrey Bailey crossed the finished line in 1:01.86 to place 20th.

"Audrey Bailey basically ran her first 400-meter dash in two years, because she was pretty much out all last year," Lork said. "She ran really well, won her heat, and it's great to have Audrey back."

Both teams prepare for the Bill Hellenbrand Invitational at the University of South Dakota this Saturday. The men will travel with a full squad, while the women will only send nine this weekend.

"We have a long trip to make, so we're not going to probably compete in as many events," Alsop said. "It's going to be up and back, and that's a long up and back. We're going to run them in the specialty events, and I think 16 are involved in four different mile relay teams."

Lork said he's only sending nine based on who needs another race.

"I think most of the team would benefit more from having a little break and just training. There are times in the year when we want to be competing...and there are times of the year when it's good to stay and train hard."

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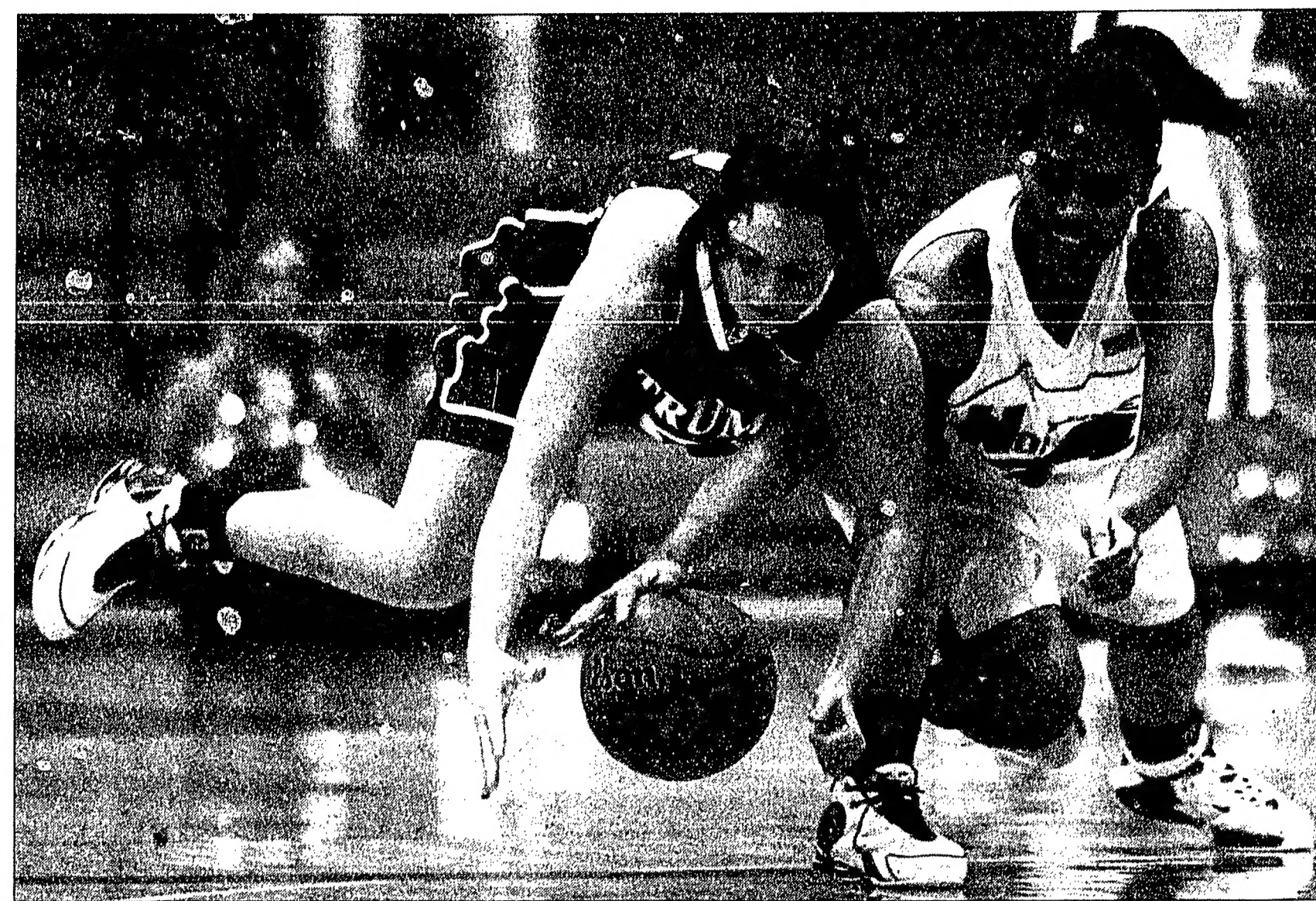
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NORTHWEST forward Lauren Williams fights for possession of the ball against Truman State University guard Natalie Schupbach during last Wednesday's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bears beat the Bulldogs 80-57.

RECOVERY: Guard continues recovery, prepares for next season

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injury. Although he's never had a serious injury, he felt some of his lifting habits may have contributed. In the end, he said he's learned from his mistakes.

"The thing was I really wasn't taking my legs (seriously). I wasn't really lifting like I should have and things happen," Howard said. "You learn from it and take advantage of it."

During his rehabilitation, Howard received a lot of encouragement from teammates, coaches and family. While teammates visited him in the hospital, he received encouragement from Reggie Robinson, who is starting in Howard's place and sought advice from forward Andy Peterson, who suffered a torn ACL in his freshman season at Northwest.

Howard also got some advice from his friend Willie Green, a forward for the Philadelphia 76ers. Green also tore his ACL, missing the majority of last season.

"He usually told me how to come back from things and go hard and try not to think about it and that you've got to play," Howard said. "I've got to play."

While Tappmeyer said Howard's leadership is still a work in progress, his work with the younger guards has been valuable. "He's been good with Lance Sullivan and different younger players, helping them by talking to them and getting them kind of acquainted," Tappmeyer said. "The thing he can help us with right now is to show guys what it's going to be like when you go into Emporia or Central and keeping pressure on them."

"I still wish I was on the court now. But next year, it will definitely be a good year," Howard said.

"We feel like everybody that is redshirting is a part of the team, but the thing we hope he gets out of it is reaching another level of maturity, which would enable him to be a leader. Those are some things I've challenged him with," Tappmeyer said.

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MIAA CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Men				Women			
rank/team	conf.	overall		rank/team	conf.	overall	
1. Emporia St.	7-0	16-0		1. Missouri Western	8-0	18-0	
2. Central Missouri	7-0	16-0		2. Washburn	7-1	16-1	
3. Northwest	6-2	13-4		3. Emporia St.	5-2	12-4	
4. Truman St.	5-3	11-6		4. Central Missouri	4-3	11-5	
5. SW Baptist	4-4	10-7		5. Northwest	4-4	11-6	
6. Pittsburg St.	3-6	10-8		6. SW Baptist	3-5	11-6	
7. Missouri Western	2-6	9-8		7. Missouri Southern	3-5	10-6	
8. Missouri Southern	2-6	7-10		8. Pittsburg St.	3-6	8-9	
9. Washburn	2-6	6-11		9. Fort Hays St.	2-7	10-7	
10. Fort Hays St.	2-7	9-9		10. Truman St.	1-7	6-10	

*CONFERENCE STANDINGS ARE AS OF JAN. 25

NABC MEN'S TOP 25 COACHES POLL

Rank	School	Record
1.	Winona St., Minn.	17-0
2.	Clayton St., Ga.	17-0
3.	Central Missouri	16-0
4.	Bentley, Mass.	18-0
5.	Minnesota St.	18-1
6.	Findlay, Ohio	16-1
7.	Emporia St.	16-0
8.	Grand Valley St., Mich.	15-2
9.	Southern Indiana	18-2
10.	Metropolitan St., Colo.	15-2
11.	Millersville, Pa.	16-1
12.	Virginia Union	10-1
13.	SE Oklahoma St.	14-2
14.	Christina Brothers, Tenn.	15-3
15.	Cal Poly Pomona	11-3
16.	Cal St.-San Bernardino	11-3
17.	Henderson St., Ark.	13-4
18.	Quincy, Ill.	14-4
19.	Northwest	13-4
20.	Delta St., Miss.	14-3
21.	West Liberty St., W. Va.	14-2
22.	Pfeiffer, N.C.	13-3
23.	Humboldt St., Calif.	12-3
24.	South Dakota	14-4
25.	Armstrong Atlantic St.	13-4

HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (1-25-07).

Allow yourself a few adventures early in the year, but be careful. You'll be staying closer to home after April. Don't have it be with a broken leg. Better you should be working on your garden.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating. It is the easiest day, it is the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 7—You'll soon be in a better position to make lots of money. Be thinking about what you'll do when you get there, so you can do it quickly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 6—You've made a tough job look almost easy. Don't push that impression too far. Don't take on another impossible task yet. Get back to them later on that.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is an 8—Soon, you'll be into the doing part of the plan you're devising. Know that new difficulties will arise. Proceed with confidence, and caution.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8—Do the best you can with what you have. You'll be well rewarded. You'll gain not only wealth, but also a lot of respect.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7—You're taking on new responsibilities, and there will be conflicts. Be patient with a person who used to give you orders.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7—Make the decision and cinder the deal early. If you can't it's better to wait. Regular chores take precedence later and tomorrow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8—Listen and learn from a person who's more willing to take a risk. You won't have to do that at all. Follow when the danger's over.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8—Make sure new systems are running properly, and then hold back. Be watching for problems to develop, and bugs to be worked out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8—There are a couple of chores you shouldn't ignore any longer. You know what they are, though. You may not know how to do them. More study is required.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8—You've been thinking of ways to protect what you've acquired, and that's good. Now, relax with people who love you, in a beautiful place. Don't buy or sell anything.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7—Devote as much time as you can to your latest investigation. After you collect all the data, you get to build upon it. That's the fun part.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7—You're going into another learning phase. Perhaps it's because of a new thing you've bought. You need to learn how to use it properly. Be careful not to break it.

STROLLER

Your Man frowns at tight pants

Extremely tight jeans and eyeliner...every girl wears them. But now, that look is being not so subtly stolen—by Fall Out Boy.

Pete Wentz is a part of the problem. If you don't know who Pete Wentz is, it means you aren't a fan of 20-something males masquerading as 13-year-old girls with "Flock of Seagulls" haircuts. And if you don't know who Flock of Seagulls is then you're just sad. "And I ran. I ran so far away."

Sorry, got caught up in it.

I just don't see the motivation, or the appeal of looking like you're pre-op sex change and you've already jumped into the lifestyle.

Why would a man want to look like a woman in order to have sex with women? And what does that have anything to do with music? Apparently nothing.

I was once told that Emo isn't a musical style as much as it is an image. When I see that so-called "image" on someone like Wentz I think, "That's the prettiest gal I've ever seen. I'd totally do her," and she isn't even a she. She's a he, and that makes me feel dirty and misled.

How do I suppress those feelings of confusion? Like all men do, with hard liquor and self-abuse. I bury those feelings deep down in a dark place no one talks about. None of this "daddy didn't love me" crap.



The Stroller

If you hate your father beat the crap out of him...that's what a real man would do.

But apparently real men aren't in demand anymore. Nobody wants a guy with enough chest hair and toughness to be a '70s porn star. They want a guy who can give them hair and make-up tips and talk about his feelings over a chai tea latte and a non-fat muffin (non-fat, what is this world coming to).

I propose a boot camp for all Emo people. We take them out and introduce them to their drill sergeants, Chuck Norris and Tom Selleck. Give them a few weeks with Magnum P.I. and Walker Texas Ranger, and they'll forget all about their emotions. Unless of course pain is an emotion, in which case they will be very in touch with their one new emotion.

They'll all come out with mustaches and chest hair. Instead of the "Flock of Seagulls" comb-overs they'll have flat-tops (think Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Predator").

But until we can implement Selleck's Boot Camp for the Testosterone Challenged, I advise all the Emos to go ahead and get the sex change. Make it official. Then I won't feel so weird when I tell a girl she has a nice turt cutter, and he turns around and thanks me.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Q & A with 1st annual 'Bearcat Idol' winner

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

As the winner of \$500, an iPod, \$100 in iTunes music and the opening spot for Hinder in Northwest's spring concert, Derrick Cunigan left the stage a "Bearcat Idol."

Cunigan, a lifetime singer, stressed how "Bearcat Idol" was a life-changing experience.

Q: What was your reaction to winning?

A: "It was a great show and definitely an accomplishment. The other finalists made it a close competition so I was relieved to hear I had won."

Q: What did you think about your competi-

tion?

A: "There was a lot of talent. I was on my toes since I was first and there were nine to 10 other contestants behind me. It was a very nervous situation."

Q: What was it like singing with Town-

crier?

A: "It was the best experience ever. I have always wanted to sing with a live band. We hit it off and made a great connection and meshed together."

Q: How did you start singing?

A: "I started when I was seven or eight years old in my church youth choir. I've always sang for church, choirs, musicals, which really helped me get to this point."

Q: What are some of the first songs or artists you are going to put on your iPod?

A: "Probably some John Legend, Jamie Foxx, of course some Musiq Soulchild, John Mayer and a new singer, Robin Thicke."

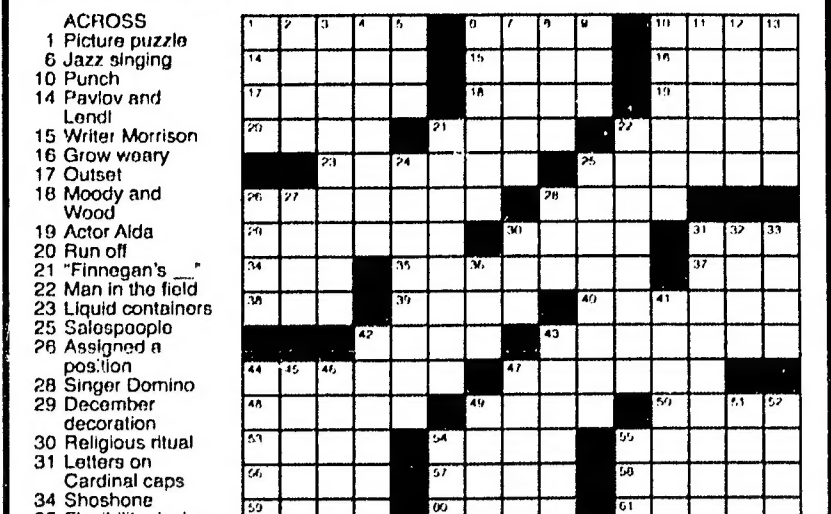
Q: Are you going to continue singing?

A: "Definitely. I'm working with other students who play instruments to perform at the Tribute to The Ladies by my organization, Minority Men Organization, Feb. 14 in the Union Ballroom at 8 p.m."

Q: Do you have any other talents?

A: "I'd say singing is my talent, but I also write music and play acoustic guitar."

Crossword



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The Benefit of Being BILINGUAL

Students are finding being fluent in two or more languages makes them more employable and increases their overall expected salary after college

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

Taking one modern language class at Northwest will cost you \$194.50 as a resident. Attending one modern language club event might dent your wallet by \$15, if you have dinner at an authentic restaurant.

But, these expenses might result in some serious payback a career after graduation.

With the United States being the metaphorical "melting pot," students are finding every day that employers do look for modern languages when deciding between two candidates.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers 2007 Job Outlook, bilingual skills rate a 2.3, on a five-point scale, where five represents a quality that is very important to employers. A 2.3 makes it the least sought after quality of the 21 attributes mentioned.

However, that's an upgrade. This is the first time this skill has ever been on the survey, said Joan Schneider, career services director. And while it might be the lowest, the most important quality is according to NACE, are written and verbal communication skills, two attributes which can both be improved by bilingual skills.

"It's about being able to communicate when needed to," said Marcy Roush, American Sign Language instructor.

Roush, who learned to sign as a teenager, has seen the evolution

of the sign program language at Northwest. While ASL may seem to be irrelevant, it is the fourth most used language in the United States, Roush said. In her eight years at Northwest, she has seen the ASL program grow from a single introductory course to five courses, and a minor in deaf studies.

Assistant professor and language program director Ginette Baillargeon has also noticed an increase in interest for modern languages. She claimed to have 100 percent participation in her Spanish classes and a desire for a bigger program.



STUDENTS FAIRANN Campbell and Casey Andrews work with Professor Ingraham during their French II class Monday.

Part of this growth includes the birth of modern language clubs, such as the Spanish, French, German and ASL clubs. These groups, most of which meet weekly participate in various activities, from reading classic literature, conversing in the language and of course, eating authentic food.

"I used to have to sell languages, but now they understand that language is a real ace in their pocket," Baillargeon said.

But simply passing a course in a modern language won't be enough to win over an employer. The qualities most employers consider are whether or not the candidate can speak the language well, and whether they have a grasp of the culture. Being aware of cultural traditions, and customs is one way to be more appealing to potential employers, Baillargeon said.

"It's about understanding, and acceptance of other cultures," Schneider said.

While modern language clubs are one way to increase cultural

awareness, one of the best ways is to experience the culture firsthand, by studying abroad, Schneider said.

By taking the time, money and courage to travel overseas, students can prove that they are willing to open themselves up, step outside of their comfort zone and be resourceful.

"We always encourage discussing studying abroad at an interview, or putting it on your resume," Schneider said. "It shows that you have experienced something outside your culture."

However, studying abroad isn't an option for all students. But even sitting at a table with non-English speakers, or doing some cultural research on the Internet can be helpful, Schneider said.

Modern languages aren't limited to majors, either. In Roush's ASL program, she has everything from physical education majors, to agricultural business. Other majors she's seen in her program include, biology and international business.

Other positions that can benefit from the study of a modern language are careers in mass communication, social work and interpretation.

"You just don't know when the need will arise," Schneider said.

Schneider believes that almost any career can benefit from studying a modern language.

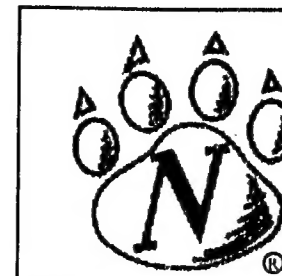
However, it isn't a guarantee that a modern language will for sure land a graduate a job. Also, no one can say that bilingual employees earn a higher salary than employees who aren't bilingual. It's all highly dependable on the company, the location and the nature of work, Schneider said.

Between two equal candidates though, employers will almost always choose the one who is multilingual.

"You can't predict the next customer to walk through the door," Schneider said.

To better serve that customer, knowledge of a modern language might be needed, no matter if the customer is a hungry teenager, wanting some fries, or an injured senior citizen, needing surgery.

"In the world today, you have to be diverse," Roush said.



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—INJURY UPDATE

Qaoud's injuries not fatal

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest wide receiver Abe Qaoud continues to recover from injuries sustained in a fire at Carson Apartments, early Saturday morning.

Qaoud, who is being treated at the University of Kansas Medical Center, is listed in fair condition, according to hospital spokesmen Dennis Minich.

"If you were to ask him any questions, he would tell you that all the credit, all the glory, goes to God," said David Qaoud, Abe's brother.

David said Abe suffered third-degree burns to his legs, a fractured eye socket, bruised lung, separated shoulder and rib fractures after jumping out of his apartment window to avoid the blaze.

David also said his brother was sick and had taken some NyQuil before bed and was in a deep sleep when he awoke around 3:30 a.m.

A man was coming with a ladder to assist Abe, but he was forced to jump because of the buildup of flames and smoke. After falling on his face, Abe blacked out and didn't wake up until he was in the hospital. Qaoud had grabbed a piece of the ladder before plummeting two stories to the ground.

The family then received a phone call from Northwest coach Mel Tjerdema around 6 a.m. to let the family know what had happened, according to David.

"We're all thankful he is alive and in the recovery stage," Tjerdema said, speaking by phone from El Paso, Texas, where he will participate in the Inaugural Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Challenge on Friday. After learning that Qaoud's injuries were not life-threatening, Tjerdema boarded a plane for Texas.

Qaoud said his brother has received a lot of visits from members

see QAOUD on B3

Howard arrested for theft

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest point guard Mose Howard faces one count of stealing after allegedly taking money out of a wallet left by a customer at a Wal-Mart.

The shopper, K.C. Collins, left his wallet on a register after purchasing items on Jan. 21. After Collins called Marquette Public Safety to report the missing cash, a review of surveillance cameras showed Howard allegedly lifting the cash out of the wallet.

"I still feel like he's a good person. I'm disappointed he didn't make a better decision," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boerigter, unaware of the arrest, declined to comment.

Howard is sitting out the season after tearing his ACL in last April. Last season, Howard averaged 13.5 points per game, leading the Bearcats to the Sweet 16.

—NW FEATURE

The Henry Effect



FRATERNAL TWINS Hannah and Hunter Henry share accolades as collegiate athletes. As sophomores, Hannah is a record-holding runner on the track and field team, while Hunter is helping lead the No. 16 Bearcats basketball team this season.

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Number of times Hannah broke the 60-meter hurdle record this season

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Seconds—Hannah's current fastest time in the 60-meter hurdles

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All-MIAA honors, outdoor 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles

—MHS WRESTLING

'Hounds prepare for regular season finale

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville High School wrestling team crowned one champion at the Quad State Classic in Maryville, Jan. 27. The tournament, featuring 10 teams, was the final tournament before Saturday's regular season tournament finale at Albany.

Maryville coach Joe Drake said the team must continue improving in preparation for district.

"We're not quite where we want to be right now," Drake said. "We'll see this Saturday how we'll do in the future."

After the Albany tournament, the 'Hounds have a week to prepare for the

By Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

An athlete wanting to compete at the collegiate level never wants to start the career still recovering from high school injuries.

Hannah Henry, a hurdler for the Northwest women's track and field team, found herself in that same situation in 2004. The sophomore from Lenexa, Kan., underwent knee surgery during her senior year of high school and was still recovering by the start of team practices.

"Her freshman year was rough from a physical standpoint," said head coach Scott Lorek. "One of the things that we did — we changed her lead leg."

Henry had been using the same leg to compete in the hurdles since beginning to run in summer meets 12 years earlier. In her redshirt season of 2005, she ran a season-best 16.41 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles.

"Freshman year was really bad because I was just getting adjusting to it," Henry said. "It was just a really big change. I had started when I was 6 or 7 and I got to college and your coach says 'You need to switch legs,' and you're like 'What? I've been doing this for so long. Freshman year was a struggle.'"

Lorek said that to change a lead leg is "tough, not only physically, but mentally as well. That's a significant thing."

But a year later, Henry cut it down to 14.94 seconds and placed fourth in the event at MIAA Outdoor Championships. She also took fifth in the 400-meter hurdles at the same meet. The top six in each event earn All-MIAA honors.

"Hannah has just taken to the college scene and

college athletics has just really exploded, and that I think that speaks well of her inner confidence," Lorek said. "She's tackled some difficult things and come through great."

And for 2007, Henry began putting her name in the Northwest record books.

She's broken the indoor 60-meter hurdle record four times this season, lowering it to 9.22 seconds at the Bill Hillenbrand Invitational last weekend.

"I know I have a record, but I don't really think about it," Henry said. "We have such great hurdlers. Everyone's getting better and their times have gone down every weekend. Next week someone else could have it, so that's the fun thing about it. It's there for the taking no matter, and everyone's just getting better."

Henry said the change in the lead leg "worked out for the best, obviously. Good decision on coach Lorek's part. He knows best."

"She is one of those athletes you wish you could clone," Lorek said.

Twin Combo
While cloning may not be the best option, Hannah's fraternal twin Hunter may be the next best route.

Hunter and Hannah were born on April 1, 1986, the children of Bob and Tracy Henry. Both accumulated awards throughout their high school careers at Shawnee Mission West, with Hunter in basketball and Hannah in track. Both now are continuing their success in their respective sports at Northwest.

It usually takes a while for people to realize they're twins. It took Lorek some time to put the clues together.

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—MHS BASKETBALL



PLATTE COUNTY sophomore Chey Verdoorn reacts as Maryville junior Jordan Gadbos steals the ball from her on Tuesday night at Maryville High School.

Second half hurts again

By Cali Arnold
Community Sports Editor

Second halves have spelled trouble for the Maryville girls' basketball team.

Down by only six at the half Tuesday night against Platte County, the Spoofhounds could not produce offense in the last half of the game. They dropped the contest 48-32 to the Lady Pirates.

"We have to get some other players to get in there and get us some more minutes so we can keep our girls fresh," Maryville coach Grant Hageman said.

The Pirates came out of halftime with a quick 12-0 run that led to outscoring the 'Hounds 18-5 in the third quarter. Maryville would make a slight comeback in the final quarter, scoring three more points than the opponent, but it was not enough for a comeback.

Hageman was pleased with his team's defense, especially against Platte County's 6-foot-4 Morgan Johnson. The sophomore still managed to score 18 points in the win.

"Defensively the effort was really good," Hageman said. "We just have to carry that effort to the offensive side and execute for some shots."

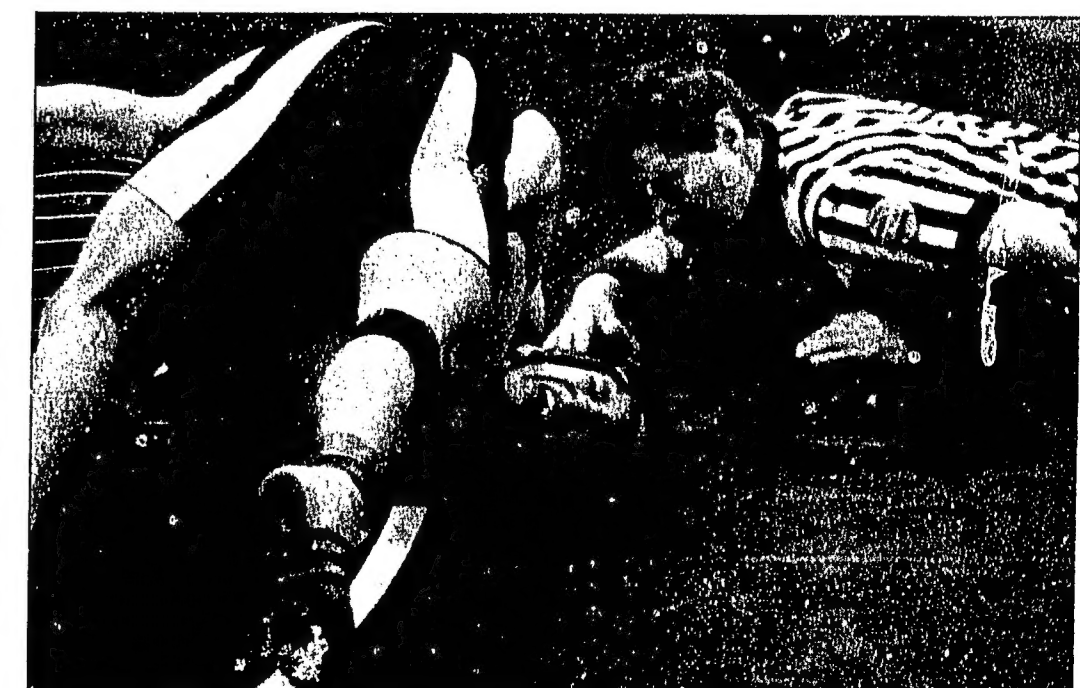
Maryville junior Leah Wilmes, who led the 'Hounds with 11 points, said she thought the team's defense could have been a little stronger.

Wilmes agreed with her coach, saying a complete game must come soon for the 'Hounds.

"We have to get over those stretches, we have to play four quarters," Wilmes said. "Not three and a half or just three."

Maryville's Genesee Stoll and Emily Kisker each tallied six points in the loss.

The next girls' game will feature the junior varsity at 5 p.m. Friday, at Smithville, with the varsity to follow.



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND wrestler Jacob Zach struggles in agony against Colby Morgan, from Cameron, Mo., during Saturday's Quad State Classic wrestling tournament held at Maryville High School. Zach lost to Morgan in the match.

see FINALE on B3

SPORTSBRIEFS

A free celebration of the Northwest football team will be open to the public from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

An awards presentation by the coaches and highlights from the 2006 season will follow an autograph session with the team.

HEIGHT: Size doesn't matter

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but when she started playing college basketball she was caught somewhat off guard.

Instead of being able to take shots from anywhere on the court, Nelson had to learn how to penetrate the lane against girls much taller than her to be able to draw a foul. She also had to perfect her 3-point shooting abilities and shots off the dribble.

"I think because of the competition, Kelli learned to adjust her game so that she could still become a scorer," Steinmeyer said. "I don't think coaches ever really make a player. It was up to her to adapt to the style that fit her best."

Her game is now molded around her position. After spending the majority of the time as an off guard her first two seasons, Nelson is now the starting point guard for the 'Cats. Taking over for 2006 graduate Megan Blay this season, she now leads the team in steals (48), minutes played (32 per game) and 3-point field goals made and attempted.

"Oh my gosh, in high school I could get away with jump shots and stuff like that," Nelson said. "Now I'm in college and I'm very short. I've really learned how to use my height and my quickness for my advantage, rather than try to shoot over people that can block my shot."

With half of the conference season gone, Steinmeyer said the thing his team most is a leader on defense.

He knows if he were to ask Nelson, she would step up and be that person on the court.

Steinmeyer said Nelson's senior season will depend on the new recruits for the 2007-2008 season.

If a point guard is ready to play, Nelson will be able to move back to the off guard position, which will lead to more chances to score. Otherwise she will continue her duties as the team's point guard.

Through everything, Nelson knows her team has come a long way since her freshman year.

"I think we're a lot more mature than we were my freshman year," Nelson said. "We're used to Stein's ways and coaching. I think we're just more experienced and mature."

Both teams prepare for the Bill Hillenbrand Invitational at the University of South Dakota this Saturday. The men will travel with a full squad, while the women will only send nine this weekend.

"We have a long trip to make, so we're not going to probably compete in as many events," Alsop said. "It's going to be up and back, and that's a long trip and back. We're going to run in the specialty events, and I think 16 are involved in four different mile relay teams."

Lorek said he's only sending nine based on who needs another race.

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In the 400-meter dash, freshman Kelly Rafferty finished first among Northwest runners with 1:01.08, one spot out of the top 10. Audrey Bailey crossed the finished line in 1:01.86 to place 20th.

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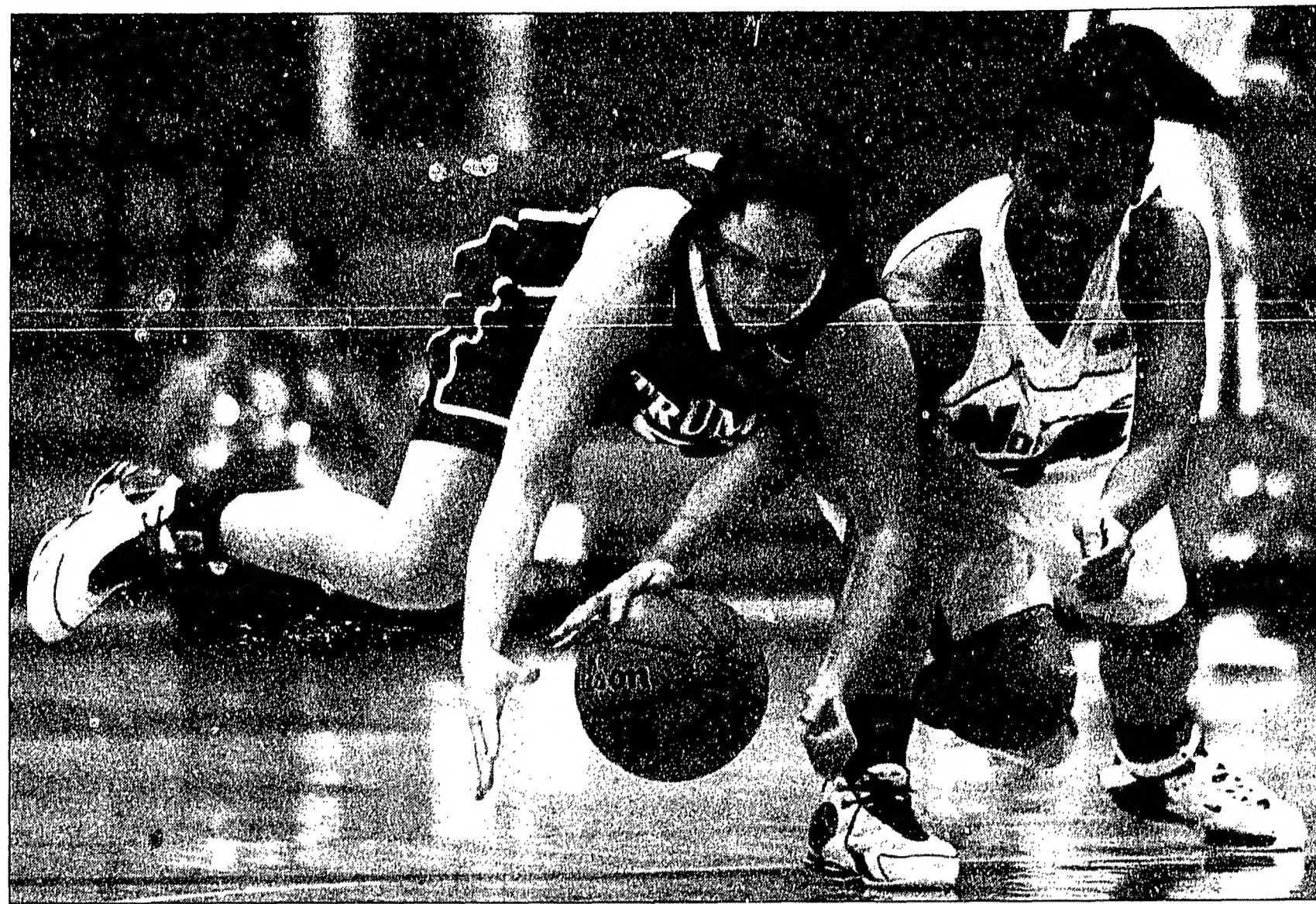
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FIGHT OR FLIGHT



NORTHWEST forward Lauren Williams fights for possession of the ball against Truman State University guard Natalie Schupbach during last Wednesday's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bears beat the Bulldogs 80-57.

RECOVERY: Guard continues recovery, prepares for next season

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injury. Although he's never had a serious injury, he felt some of his lifting habits may have contributed. In the end, he said he learned from his mistakes.

"The thing was I really wasn't taking my legs (seriously). I wasn't really lifting like I should have and things happen," Howard said. "You learn from it and take advantage of it."

During his rehabilitation, Howard received a lot of encouragement from teammates, coaches and family. While teammates visited him in the hospital, he received encouragement from Reggie Robinson, who is starting in Howard's place and sought advice from forward Andy Peterson, who suffered a torn ACL in his freshman season at Northwest.

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"We feel like everybody that is redshirting is a part of the team, but the thing we hope he gets out of it is reaching another level of maturity, which would enable him to be a leader. Those are some things I've challenged him with," Tappmeyer said.

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-HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (1-25-07).

Allow yourself a few adventures early in the year, but be careful. You'll be staying closer to home after April. Don't have it with a broken leg. Better you should be working on your garden.

To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — You'll soon be in a better position to make lots of money. Be thinking about what you'll do when you get there, so you can do it quickly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — You've made a tough job look almost easy. Don't push that impression too far. Don't take on another impossible task quite yet. Get back to them later on that.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — Soon, you'll be into the doing part of the plan you're devising. Know that new difficulties will arise. Proceed with confidence, and caution.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is an 8 — Do the best you can with what you have. You'll be well rewarded. You'll gain not only wealth, but also a lot of respect.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — You're taking on new responsibilities, and there will be conflicts. Be patient with a person who used to give you orders.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Make the decision and cinch the deal early. If you can't it's better to wait. Regular chores take precedence later and tomorrow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 — Listen and learn from a person who's more willing to take a risk. You won't have to do that at all. Follow when the danger's over.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8 — Make sure new systems are running properly, and then hold back. Be watching for problems to develop, and bugs to be worked out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — There are a couple of chores you shouldn't ignore any longer. You know what they are, though. You may not know how to do them. More study is required.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — You've been thinking of ways to protect what you've acquired, and that's good. Now, relax with people who love you, in a beautiful place. Don't buy or sell anything.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — Devote as much time as you can to your latest investigation. After you collect all the data, you get to build upon it. That's the fun part.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 — You're going into another learning phase. Perhaps it's because of a new thing you've been doing. Be careful not to break it.

-STROLLER

Your Man frowns at tight pants



The Stroller

Extremely tight jeans and eyeline...every girl wears them. But now, that look is being not so subtly stolen—by Fall Out Boy.

Pete Wentz is a part of the problem. If you don't know who Pete Wentz is, it means you aren't a fan of 20-something males masquerading as 13-year-old girls with "Flock of Seagulls" haircuts. And if you don't know who Flock of Seagulls is then you're just dead. "And I ran. I ran so far away."

Sorry, got caught up in it. I just don't see the motivation, or the appeal of looking like you're pre-op sex change and you've already jumped into the lifestyle.

Why would a man want to look like a woman in order to have sex with women? And what does that have anything to do with music? Apparently nothing.

I was once told that Emo isn't a musical style as much as it is an image. When I see that so-called "image" on someone like Wentz I think, "That's the prettiest gal I've ever seen. I'd totally do her," and she isn't even a she. She's a he, and that makes me feel dirty and misled.

How do I suppress those feelings of confusion? Like all men do, with hard liquor and self-abuse. I bury those feelings deep down in a dark place no one talks about. None of this "daddy didn't love me" crap.

If you hate your father beat the crap out of him...that's what a real man would do.

But apparently real men aren't in demand anymore. Nobody wants a guy with enough chest hair and toughness to be a '70s porn star. They want a guy who can give them hair and make-up tips and talk about his feelings over a chai tea latte and a non-fat muffin (non-fat, what is this world coming to).

I propose a boot camp for all Emo people. We take them out and introduce them to their drill sergeants, Chuck Norris and Tom Selleck. Give them a few weeks with Magnum P.I. and Walker Texas Ranger, and they'll forget all about their emotions. Unless of course pain is an emotion, in which case they will be very in touch with their one new emotion.

They'll all come out with mustaches and chest hair. Instead of the "Flock of Seagulls" comb-overs they'll have flat-tops (think Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Predator").

But until we can implement Selleck's Boot Camp for the Testosterone Challenged, I advise all the Emos to avoid and get the sex change. Make it official. Then I won't feel so weird when I tell a girl she has a nice turt cutter, and he turns around and thanks me.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Picture puzzle

6 Jazz singing

10 Punch

14 Pesto and Lentil

15 Writer Morrison

16 Grow weary

17 Outset

18 Moody and Wood

19 Actor Aida

20 Run off

21 Finnegan's

22 Man in the field

23 Liquid containers

25 Salisporio

26 Assigned a position

ciao!
hello!
hola!
bonjour!
hallo!

The Benefit of Being BILINGUAL

Students are finding being fluent in two or more languages makes them more employable and increases their overall expected salary after college

By Whitney Keyes
Chief Reporter

Taking one modern language class at Northwest will cost you \$194.50 as a resident. Attending one modern language club event might dent your wallet by \$15, if you have dinner at an authentic restaurant.

But, these expenses might result in some serious payback a career after graduation.

With the United States being the metaphorical "melting pot," students are finding every day that employers do look for modern languages when deciding between two candidates.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers 2007 Job Outlook, bilingual skills rate a 2.3, on a five-point scale, where five represents a quality that is very important to employers. A 2.3 makes it the least sought after quality of the 21 attributes mentioned.

However, that's an upgrade. This is the first time this skill has ever been on the survey, said Joan Schneider, career services director. And while it might be the lowest, the most important quality is according to NACE, are written and verbal communication skills, two attributes which can both be improved by bilingual skills.

"It's about being able to communicate when needed to," said Marcy Roush, American Sign Language instructor.

Roush, who learned to sign as a teenager, has seen the evolution

of the sign program language at Northwest. While ASL may seem to be irrelevant, it is the fourth most used language in the United States, Roush said. In her eight years at Northwest, she has seen the ASL program grow from a single introductory course to five courses, and a minor in deaf studies.

Assistant professor and language program director Ginette Baillargeon has also noticed an increase in interest for modern languages. She claimed to have 100 percent participation in her Spanish classes and a desire for a bigger program.

Part of this growth includes the birth of modern language clubs, such as the Spanish, French, German and ASL clubs. These groups, most of which meet weekly participate in various activities, from reading classic literature, conversing in the language and of course, eating authentic food.

"I used to have to sell languages, but now they understand that language is a real ace in their pocket," Baillargeon said.

But simply passing a course in a modern language won't be enough to win over an employer. The qualities most employers consider are whether or not the candidate can speak the language well, and whether they have a grasp of the culture. Being aware of cultural traditions, and customs is one way to be more appealing to potential employers, Baillargeon said.

"It's about understanding, and acceptance of other cultures," Schneider said.

While modern language clubs are one way to increase cultural

awareness, one of the best ways is to experience the culture firsthand, by studying abroad, Schneider said.

By taking the time, money and courage to travel overseas, students can prove that they are willing to open themselves up, step outside of their comfort zone and be resourceful.

"We always encourage discussing studying abroad at an interview, or putting it on your resume," Schneider said. "It shows that you have experienced something outside your culture."

However, studying abroad isn't an option for all students. But even sitting at a table with non-English speakers, or doing some cultural research on the Internet can be helpful, Schneider said.

Modern languages aren't limited to majors, either. In Roush's ASL program, she has everything from physical education majors, to agricultural business. Other majors she's seen in her program include, biology and international business.

Other positions that can benefit from the study of a modern language are careers in mass communication, social work and interpretation.

"You just don't know when the need will arise," Schneider said.

Schneider believes that almost any career can benefit from studying a modern language.

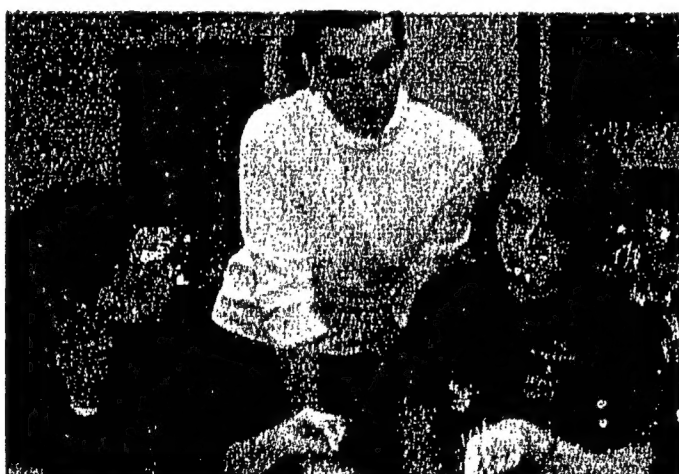
However, it isn't a guarantee that a modern language will for sure land a graduate a job. Also, no one can say that bilingual employers earn a higher salary than employees who aren't bilingual. It's all highly dependable on the company, the location and the nature of work, Schneider said.

Between two equal candidates though, employers will almost always choose the one who is multilingual.

"You can't predict the next customer to walk through the door," Schneider said.

To better serve that customer, knowledge of a modern language might be needed, no matter if the customer is a hungry teenager, wanting some fries, or an injured senior citizen, needing surgery.

"In the world today you have to be diverse," Roush said.



STUDENTS FAIRANN Campbell and Casey Andrews work with Professor Ingraham during their French II class Monday.